

## 1L's Weekly News - Week of January 12<sup>th</sup>



### Dates to Remember:

\* Dwight is taking part in the American Heart Association's *Hoops for Heart*. We have been learning some cool facts about our hearts thanks to Mr. Gelsi! This Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, all students are invited to wear **red** to celebrate Dwight's participation!

\* There is no school next Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Enjoy the long weekend! 😊

### Reader's Workshop:

This week in Reader's Workshop we will practice retelling stories in order, using time words (i.e. - in the beginning, next, then). We'll work on including as many details as possible!

### Writer's Workshop:

In Writer's Workshop we will continue our unit all about *writing reviews* (opinion writing). We've been practicing writing reviews to persuade others. Last week we wrote a lot about favorite restaurants and shared our opinions. This week we'll focus on adding details to support our opinions.

### Math:

This week in Math we'll continue our geometry unit. We'll explore plane shapes using tangrams and also begin to learn about 3D solids. We'll focus on: cone, pyramid, rectangular prism, cube, sphere, and cylinder.

### Word Work:

\* Our new Word Wall Words are: **but, have, our, they, your.**

\* We'll also continue to focus on "magic e" words. (Ask your first grader to share what he/she knows about "magic e" words!)

### Science/Social Studies:

This week we'll begin our science unit about Emperor Penguins. Our scientists are very excited about their research!

### Odds and Ends:

\* If your first grader celebrates a summer birthday, we will celebrate his/her half-birthday! If you are interested in coming in to read a story to the class, please let me know. Thanks!

\* Please remember that homework folders should go back and forth from school to home, and come back into 1L each morning. Also, please make sure that your first grader's homework sheet is initialed each evening and stays in your child's folder all week.