

1L's Weekly News - Week of January 13th



Dates to Remember:

* Dwight is participating in the American Heart Association's *Hoops for Heart*. We have been learning some cool facts about our hearts thanks to Mr. Gelsi! This Wednesday, January 15th, students are invited to wear **red** or a **heart** shirt. All *Hoops for Heart* donations are due back to school by Friday, January 24th.

* All parents are invited to a mathematics presentation, given by our fabulous Math and Science Teacher, Mrs. French. After the presentation, parents are invited back to classrooms to join their students for a math activity (from 10:15-10:45). Hope you can join us!

* There is no school next Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Enjoy the long weekend! 😊

Reader's Workshop:

This week in Reader's Workshop we will begin our unit on **making connections**. We will practice making text to self connections (when something in a story reminds us of something from our lives) and talk about connecting to a character or an event. When your readers are reading at home, ask them about any connections they can make!

Writer's Workshop:

In Writer's Workshop we will continue our non-fiction unit. Our experts are doing a great job writing teaching books! This week we'll talk about adding "fancy and specific" words to our stories. (For example, if I wrote a book about penguins, I may use words like *Antarctica*, *waddle*, *glacier*, or *adapt*.) We'll also focus on revising our stories by adding or subtracting details, editing our work, and designing covers. Ask your writer what topic he/she is writing a book about!

Math:

This week in Math we'll continue our geometry unit. We'll sort and describe the plane shapes that we learned about last week. We'll also begin to explore 3D solids. We'll learn about: cone, pyramid, rectangular prism, cube, sphere, and cylinder.

Word Work: We'll continue the work we started next week.

* Our new Word Wall Words are: **are, because, into, said, that.**

Science/Social Studies:

This week we'll continue our LMC research all about Emperor Penguins. Ask your scientist what he/she has learned so far about these neat animals!

Odds and Ends:

* Please remember that library books should be returned to school on or before Tuesday morning. (Unless, of course, your reader is not finished with them!) That way, your child can check out five new books for the week. Thanks!