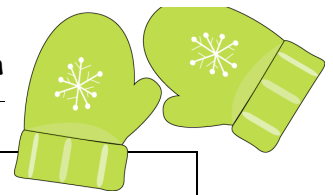


1L's Weekly News - Week of January 19th



Dates to Remember:

* We are continuing to accept donations for Hoops for Heart to benefit the American Heart Association. The students are really motivated to help others with their donations, and are learning lots of great heart facts from Mr. Gelsi! Thanks to Dwight's great participation, students have earned an All School Hat/Crazy Hat Day this Wednesday, January 21st!

Reader's Workshop:

This week in Reader's Workshop we will continue our practice with retelling. Students are working on verbal and written retelling of their "just right" books.

Writer's Workshop:

* Our writers are doing a great job with their opinion writing. Last week we interviewed "experts" (our book buddies in 4H) to gather more evidence to try and persuade others. Wow! Ask your writer what season he/she wrote about as the best season!

* This week we'll learn about ending punctuation (periods, exclamation points, and question marks). We'll also discuss how to use quotation marks.

Math:

* This week in Math we will continue our study of 3D shapes: cone, pyramid, rectangular prism, cube, sphere, and cylinder. We'll talk about the flat surfaces (faces) and vertices (points), and edges of these shapes. We'll also begin to talk about fractions.

* Last week in 1L we used tangrams to create objects and shapes. The students LOVED exploring with tangrams! Mrs. Robinson (our fabulous Library Media Specialist) has put some new links on the "Virtual Library" of the Dwight homepage. You can find them under "Grade One General Links". Students can use tangrams on the computer or print them out to play with at home!

* Please note that the school code to the Sumdog website has changed and it is now **dwight**.

Word Work: *continuation of last week's work*

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

* We'll also continue to focus on "magic e" words.

Science/Social Studies:

This week we will visit the LMC to work on our emperor penguin research. Our scientists are looking forward to our unit!

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. Thank you for beginning to practice math facts (and check off/initial the boxes) at least three times a week as well!