

1L's Weekly News - Week of January 2nd and
Week of January 6th



Dates to Remember:

* There is no school Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Reader's Workshop:

In Reader's Workshop we will get right back into the swing of things by setting up new reading partnerships. We'll also talk about what the word *stamina* means, practice increasing our own reading stamina, and read and retell stories with our new partners.

Writer's Workshop:

Before the break, our writers did an amazing job typing their Ezra Jack Keats stories in the LMC and creating their collages! Check them out hanging in the hallway outside our classroom. Our next unit in Writer's Workshop is our non-fiction unit. We'll be writing "teaching books" about expert topics.

Math:

We'll begin our geometry unit in math. We'll focus on the attributes (sides, corners) of plane shapes (circle, square, triangle, rectangle, trapezoid, hexagon, pentagon, rhombus). We'll sort shapes based on attributes. This is a fun hands-on unit!

You can read more about this unit on the district's mathematics wiki:

<http://fairfieldpublicschools.k5math.wikispaces.com/>

Word Work:

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

* The January challenge list is now on the Spelling City website. This month's bonus list is all about *penguins*, in connection with our new Science unit!

Science/Social Studies:

We are starting our next Science unit all about penguins! We will spend time in the LMC during this unit for a penguin webquest. We are looking forward to beginning our research!

Odds and Ends:

* Welcome back and happy 2014! I hope that you had a restful and fun holiday break. It's good to be back in school starting a brand new year, and I'm looking forward to all the great things to come in 1L!

* A special thank you to all of the parents who came in for our holiday party before vacation. The class had a great time! Be sure and check out the slideshow on the 1L website. ☺