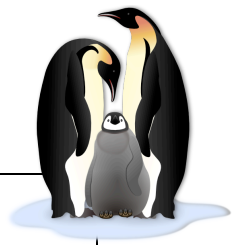


1L's Weekly News - Week of January 26th



Dates to Remember:

- * This Wednesday, January 28th all parents are invited to attend a classroom Morning Meeting at Dwight beginning at 9:10, followed by a presentation focusing on ways to connect learning at school and at home. We hope to see you in 1L!
- * Valentine's Day is right around the corner! We are asking all first graders to bring in a shoebox by Wednesday, February 4th, in order to collect valentines from friends!
- * If your child wishes to bring in Valentine's Day cards, please have him/her bring one for each child in our class. Cards may be brought in anytime between February 9th and 12th. Last week a 1L class list was sent home with your child. 😊

Reader's Workshop:

In Reader's Workshop we will move into a new unit all about story elements. During this unit we'll work on identifying story elements and use these elements to increase comprehension and retell stories. This week we will learn about the **characters** and **setting**. When your reader is enjoying books at home, ask him/her to talk about these two story elements.

Writer's Workshop:

Last week we focused on ending punctuation. We learned about the importance of periods, exclamation points, and question marks, and how they help us end a sentence and stop our voices. This week we'll focus on using quotation marks in our writing.

Math:

- * In Math this week we'll begin to learn about **fractions**. We'll learn about equal parts of a whole and talk about new vocabulary words: *numerator* and *denominator*.

Word Work:

Our new Word Wall Words are: **dad, for, from, put, this**.

- * Don't forget that the Spelling City website is a great way for your first grader to practice our Word Wall words!

Science/Social Studies:

We've been spending time in the LMC doing our emperor penguin research. You can check out some neat penguin websites at home with your scientist, as they are on the Dwight website, under the "Virtual Library" link.

Odds and Ends:

- * Now that it's snow boot season, please help your child remember that we have P.E. on "C" days and "E" days, and all students need to wear sneakers. Students can bring in their sneakers and change before we go to P.E.
- * Please remember that library books should be returned to school on or before "B" days. (Unless, of course, your reader is not finished with them!) That way, your child can check out new books for the week. Thanks!