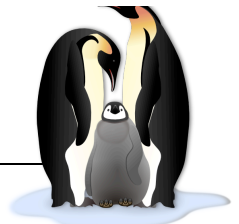


# 1L's Weekly News - Week of January 27<sup>th</sup>



## Dates to Remember:

- \* The deadline for Hoops for Heart donations has been extended to this Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- \* Next Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a 1:40 dismissal for all students, due to teacher professional development.
- \* Valentine's Day is right around the corner! We are asking all first graders to bring in a shoebox by Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Last week a 1L class list was sent home with your child. 😊

## Reader's Workshop:

This week in we will step back to revisit some of the routines of Reader's Workshop in 1L. We'll talk about expectations during reading time, book shopping, putting books away, and reading with partners.

## Writer's Workshop:

In Writer's Workshop we will continue our non-fiction unit. We'll focus on writing how-to books this week.

## 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*.
- \* A letter was sent home last week outlining a special geometry project due back to school by next Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Students are being asked to create a sculpture **at home**, using 3D objects (cone, sphere, pyramid, cube, cylinder, rectangular prism). Students can use any combination of these 3D solid figures, and do not have to use all of them. We want students to be creative with items they can reuse/recycle/repurpose from home. Please do not go out and purchase anything special for this project. For example, a city scene of skyscrapers made from various boxes (rectangular prisms) or a rocket ship made from an oatmeal container and paper towel tubes (cylinders) are examples of what they can do. This should be a fun extension of our study of geometry in the classroom!

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

Our new Word Wall Words are: **away, been, little, us, very**.

- \* This week we will focus on "magic e" words. For example, *a* says its name in the word *make* because of the silent *e* found at the end of the word.

## Science/Social Studies:

- \* We've been watching some really neat videos featuring emperor penguins as part of our LMC research. You can watch these videos at home with your scientist, as they are on the Dwight website.

## Odds and Ends:

- \* Now that it's snow boot season, please help your child remember that we have P.E. on Wednesdays and Fridays, and all students need to wear sneakers. Students can bring in their sneakers and change before we go to P.E.