

1L's Weekly News - Week of January 4th



Dates to Remember:

* There will be no school on Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Reader's Workshop:

In Reader's Workshop we will begin a new unit called *Understanding Fiction Through Characters' Eyes*. This week we'll practice making predictions based on characters and talk about story elements: characters, setting, events, problem, and solution. When your reader is reading at home, you can have him/her identify story elements in books.

Writer's Workshop:

We are starting a new unit all about *writing reviews* (opinion writing). This week we'll talk about what it means to be a judge and practice giving details and reasons while making a review.

Math:

This week we'll begin our next unit, all about *geometry and fractions*. We'll spend time talking about plane shapes and their attributes.

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

<http://fairfieldpublicschools5math.wikispaces.com/Grade+1+Parent+Unit+Letters>

Word Work:

* Our new Word Wall Words are: **that, this, what, when, who**.

* We will also focus on **blends** (i.e. - fl, gr, st, spl) and **digraphs** (i.e. - ch, sh, th, wh) this week.

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

Science/Social Studies:

We are starting our next Science unit all about living things. We'll learn and discuss what animals need to survive and how they adapt.

Odds and Ends:

* Welcome back and happy 2016! 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 Mrs. Blessey and Mrs. Weiland, who came in for our holiday party before vacation. The class had a great time!