

1L's Weekly News - Week of January 5th



Dates to Remember:

* There is no school Monday, January 19th 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 talking about *just right* books. We'll also spend the month of January working on building our reading stamina, and read and retell stories with our reading partners.

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:

We'll continue our geometry unit in math. We'll focus on the attributes (sides, angles/corners) of plane shapes (circle, square, triangle, rectangle, trapezoid, hexagon, pentagon, rhombus). We'll sort shapes based on attributes, use geoboards to create shapes, and practice making meaningful math comments when sharing our work.

Word Work:

* Our new Word Wall Words are: **away, been, little, us, very.**
* 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 2015! 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. ☺