

1L's Weekly News - Week of October 20th



Dates to Remember:

* Thursday, October 23rd, Wednesday, October 29th, and Thursday, October 30th there will be early dismissal at 1:40 due to conferences.

* All Dwight parents are invited to our Dwight-a-thon, next Friday, October 24th at 2:00!

* Dwight's Annual Halloween Parade will take place on Friday, October 31st at 2:00. Our 1L classroom party will follow (at about 2:30). Students should bring (not wear) costumes to school. All parents are invited to attend both of these events.

Reader's Workshop:

This week in Reader's Workshop we will focus on pattern books. We'll talk about how patterns help us read books, how patterns change, and how they end.

Writer's Workshop:

We'll continue our small moments unit in Writer's Workshop. We will focus on rereading our writing to revise and keep s-t-r-e-t-c-h-i-n-g out our stories.

Math:

This week in Math we'll talk more about **doubles** facts. We'll also explore **near doubles** facts. (i.e. - If I know $4+4=8$, then I know $4+5=9$. $4+5=9$ is a **near doubles** fact.)

Word Work:

Our new Word Wall Words are: **am, big, if, mom, not.**

We will also focus on the **an** word family.

* A Word Wall can be found on the 1L website, updated each week. It's a great idea to print this out to have it near your writer when he/she is doing writing at home!

Science/Social Studies:

We are continuing our unit on Sun and Shadows. This week we hope to get outside and trace our shadows with sidewalk chalk. We'll also talk about how shadows can change during the day. When the sun is low in the sky (morning and late afternoon) shadows are longer, and when the sun is high in the sky (noontime) shadows are shorter.

Odds and Ends:

* A **BIG** thank you to Mrs. Carey and Mr. Grutkowski who joined us on for our in-school High Touch, High Tech field trip last week. The class really enjoyed the experiments! Be sure to check out the slideshow on our classroom website.

* Our 1L scientists send another **BIG** thank you to Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Kingston, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Steers, and Mrs. Swenson from 1P, for coming in last week to trace our scientists' silhouettes. They are truly works of art! We have hung them up in the hallway outside the first grade classrooms. Be sure to check them out when you're at Dwight for conferences. 😊