<u>1L's Weekly News - Week of October 21st</u>

Dates to Remember:

* This Wednesday, October 23rd and Thursday, October 24th there will be early dismissal (at 1:40) for conferences.

* All Dwight parents are invited to our school Walk-a-thon, this Wednesday, October 23rd at 12:15!

* Dwight's all-school Halloween parade will take place at 2:00 on Thursday, October $31^{s^{\dagger}}$. Students should bring (not wear) costumes to school. Parents are invited to attend this fun event.

Reader's Workshop:

This week 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 **setting** of a story. When your reader is enjoying books at home, ask him/her to talk about the setting.

Writer's Workshop:

We'll wrap up our small moments unit in Writer's Workshop by picking a favorite piece to edit and share with a partner. We'll work on checking our stories for punctuation, capitalization, spacing between words, and Word Wall words.

Math:

This week in Math we'll work on exploring numbers between 11 and 20. We'll practice finding ways to make numbers and work on explaining our thinking.

Word Work:

Our new Word Wall Words are: be, do, had, she, went.

* 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 wrapping up our first Science unit and will soon begin our first Social Studies unit all about "The People In Your Neighborhood". Stay tuned for more information about this unit!

Odds and Ends:

* A BIG thank you to Mrs. Kavanaugh and Mrs. Mutuski who joined us on our field trip to the Bridgeport Cabaret Theater. The class really enjoyed the show <u>How I</u> <u>Became a Pirate</u> and we spent time in 1L discussing how the play and the book were similar and different.

* If you are interested in having your reader take home more than two books on Mondays, please send me a note. I can fill their bags with additional books and they can return them at the end of the week, instead of on Wednesday. This is great if you're looking for more books to read at home nightly!