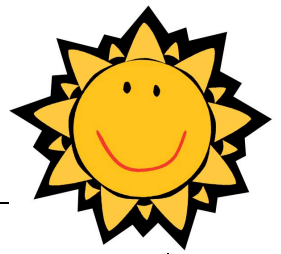


1L's Weekly News - Week of October 5th



Dates to Remember:

* This Tuesday, October 6th, there will be an early dismissal at 1:40 due to teacher professional development.

Reader's Workshop:

In Reader's Workshop we've been talking about strategies that readers use to decode words. This week we'll talk about looking at the picture to figure out a tricky word, thinking about guesses that make sense, getting our mouth ready to read a word, and chunking. Chunking is when a reader looks for familiar chunks in a tricky word. When your reader is stuck on a word at home, you can ask him/her to use a strategy that we have talked about.

Writer's Workshop:

This week we will talk about using capital letters in our writing. We'll also work on poems for Poetry for Peace.

Math:

This week we'll focus on teen numbers and doubles facts. Ask your mathematician to tell you some doubles facts! (i.e. - $2+2=4$ and $8+8=16$)

Word Work:

Our new Word Wall Words are: **go, he, like, me, no**

* Don't forget about the Spelling City website! Our Word Wall words are up-to-date and there's a new challenge list for the month of October...all about colors!

Science/Social Studies:

Our first Science unit will be Sun and Shadows. We will begin this unit by talking about what we can see in the day and night sky.

Odds and Ends:

* Homework will begin this week for first graders. Mondays and Tuesdays will be reading nights, Wednesday will be a writing assignment, and Thursday night will be math practice.

* If you have not returned your conference form yet, please do so this week.

Thanks so much!

* Please remember that library books should be returned to school on or before a "C" day. (Unless, of course, your reader is not finished with them!) That way, your child can check out new books for the week.