1L's Weekly News - Week of October 6th

Dates to Remember:

- * This Tuesday, October 7^{th} , there will be an early dismissal at 1:40 due to teacher professional development.
- * Field trip permission slip forms and checks are due back to school this Tuesday, October 7^{th}
- * Students are invited to wear Dwight wear or green this Thursday, October 9th for our All School Pep Rally...we're celebrating the kick-off of our Dwight-a-thon!
- * If you are interested in ordering books from the October Scholastic book order, forms and checks must be returned or online orders must be placed by next Tuesday, October 14th.

Reader's Workshop:

This week in Reader's Workshop we'll continue our work with decoding, talking about **chunking**. This is when a reader looks for familiar chunks in a tricky word to help decode this word. When your reader is stuck on a word at home, you can ask him/her to chunk that word. We'll also talk about "just right" books this week.

Writer's Workshop:

This week we will talk about choosing one **small moment** to write about in a story, instead of making a list about what you did in a day. We'll also talk about stretching out words to spell them the best that you can.

Math:

This week we'll focus on 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: all, an, day, see, so

* 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 grade students. 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!
- * Please remember that library books should be returned to school on or before a "B" day. (Unless, of course, your reader is not finished with them!) That way, your child can check out new books for the week.
- * Be sure to check out the newest slideshow on the 1L website "Our 4H Buddies"!
- * If your child's green homework folder has seen better days and you are interested in sending in a different (more durable!) folder for your first grader, that would be much appreciated! Thanks! ©