1L's Weekly News - Week of November 11th

Dates to Remember:

* This Tuesday, November 12th we will be celebrating Dwight's 50th birthday! Students are invited to wear clothing reminiscent of the 1963-1964 school year or their Dwight wear. Please be sure to check out the letter from Mrs. Maniscalco on Dwight's Dragon Tales for more details about our celebration!

* Picture retakes are scheduled for this Friday, November 15th.

Reader's Workshop:

In Reader's Workshop we will continue to practice retelling stories. We've learned that it's important to tell about the events of the story in order, using transition words. (In the beginning, next, then, after that, in the end...) We also learned that we should include words from the text when we retell.

Writer's Workshop:

This week in Writer's Workshop we will continue our author study. Last week we learned all about Ezra Jack Keats and read many of his stories. Ask your writer about his/her favorite Ezra Jack Keats book! This week we will talk about adding describing words (adjectives) and sound words to our pieces.

Math:

In Math we'll talk about addition and subtraction story problems.

* Our mathematics curriculum leader has created wonderfully informative parent letters explaining our math units in great detail. You can access the letters here at the district's mathematics wiki:

http://fairfieldpublicschoolsk5math.wikispaces.com/Grade+1+Parent+Unit+Letters
Be sure to read all about **Unit 2**!

Word Work:

Our new Word Wall Words are: as, one, or, out, with.

* This week we will also focus on the **th** digraph.

Science/Social Studies:

We are still looking for parent volunteers to come in to 1L to talk about their roles in the community, as a part of our first Social Studies unit. If you are interested in coming in between now and our winter break, please let me know!

Odds and Ends:

- * A special thank you to Mrs. Feher, Mrs. Walters, and Mrs. Wolf, our CANE volunteers. They came in last week to teach us about the food chain. The class enjoyed the lesson!
- * Please remember that library books should be returned to school on or before Tuesday morning. (Unless, of course, your reader is not finished with them!) That way, your child can check out five new books for the week. Thanks!