

1L's Weekly News - Week of November 18th



Dates to Remember:

- * This Wednesday, November 20th is Math Night at Dwight. I will be there with a fun game ready to go! Hope to see lots of 1L families! ☺
- * The Book Fair is at Dwight this week. We will preview the fair on Tuesday and then shop for books on Wednesday, November 20th from 10:40-11:00.
- * *Save the Date!* Our Gingerbread House celebration will take place on Friday, December 13th from 9:45-11:00. All parents are invited to attend! A letter with more information will be coming home in your child's folder shortly.

Reader's Workshop:

Our readers have been hard at work in 1L! This week we'll talk about finding the most important part of stories, making sure to back-up our opinions with evidence from the text.

Writer's Workshop:

In Writer's Workshop we will continue our author study all about Ezra Jack Keats. We will try using some of the craft he uses in our own stories. We will talk about describing the setting of your story, and learn about repetition and dashes. Ask your writer about his/her favorite Ezra Jack Keats book.

Math:

This week in Math we will discuss more strategies to help us learn those math facts in a snap. We will talk about doubles facts in subtraction (i.e. - If you know, $4+4=8$, then you know $8-4=4$). We'll also practice using a number line to subtract and learn about related facts (i.e. - $4+2=6$ and $6-4=2$).

Word Work:

- * Our new Word Wall Words are: **back, get, her, him, of.**
- * This week we will also focus on the **th** and **sh** digraphs.

Science/Social Studies:

- * Last week we welcomed Dr. Walters in to talk about her job at the Norma F. Pfriem Center. She talked about how she helps people who have cancer.
- * Thanks to all of the parents who have volunteered to come in to talk about their roles in the community, as a part of our first Social Studies unit. If you are still interested in coming in between now and our winter break, please let me know!

Odds and Ends:

* First grade has learned all about a new website! It's called sumdog.com and gives students opportunities to practice math skills in fun ways. We went to the LMC last week to try it out. Students have to log in to use their individual characters and **customized** settings. Your child can log in with his/her *first name and last initial - no space*. The password is *1L*, and the school code is *timothy-dwight-elementary*. Our mathematicians are so excited about this site and can easily access it at home from the 1L website.