

1L's Weekly News - Week of November 2nd



Dates to Remember:

- * There is no school this Tuesday, November 3rd due to teacher professional development.
- * Picture retakes will take place on Friday, November 6th.
- * On Tuesday, November 10th, we will celebrate Veterans Day with an All School Meeting. Students are invited to wear red, white, and blue for this special day.
- * There is no school next Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.

Reader's Workshop:

This week we will begin our non-fiction unit of study in Reader's Workshop. We'll talk about **why** we read non-fiction, look at covers and titles of non-fiction books to make predictions, and learn about the types of non-fiction (all about, how-to, biography). We'll also start to talk about non-fiction text features (table of contents, glossary, index).

Writer's Workshop:

This week in Writer's Workshop we will begin our non-fiction unit. During this unit, we'll be writing "teaching books" about expert topics. This week we'll learn how writers choose a topic and plan their books.

Math:

This week in Math we will begin *Unit 2 - Whole Number Concepts, Estimation and Computation using Addition and Subtraction within Twenty*. For more information about this unit, be sure to check out the Unit 2 parent letter on the district's wiki: <http://fairfieldpublicschools.k5math.wikispaces.com/Grade+1+Parent+Unit+Letters>

Word Work:

Our new Word Wall Words are: **am, big, if, not, she.**

We will also focus on the **am** word family.

- * The November challenge list is now on the Spelling City website. This month's bonus list is all about *the days of the week*.

Science/Social Studies:

- * We are beginning our first Social Studies unit all about "The People In Your Neighborhood". We'll talk about the different people and places in our community.
- * We are looking forward to welcoming parent volunteers into 1L to talk about their roles in the community, as a part of this unit. If you are interested in coming in, please let me know!

Odds and Ends:

- * Thank you to all of the parents who joined us for Dwight's All-School Halloween parade and helped out at our 1L party. Be sure to check out the slideshow on our classroom website. The kids had a great time! ☺
- * I enjoyed meeting with all of you at conferences. It was great to share the progress your children are making and all of the goals we are focusing on.