1L's Weekly News - Week of November 3rd

Dates to Remember:

- * There is no school this Tuesday, November 4th due to teacher professional development.
- * On Monday, 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 Tuesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.
- * Picture retakes will take place on Friday, November 14th.

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 plan their books, keep readers in mind while writing, and teach with pictures as well as words.

Math:

In Math we're continuing our second unit of study. We'll explore all the ways we can make a number. (i.e. -9=4+5 and 3+6 and 8+1)

Word Work:

Our new Word Wall Words are: as, one, or, saw, was.

* 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 our first Social Studies 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! ©
- * A big thank you to our room parents, Mrs. Kingston and Mrs. Wheeler for organizing our volunteers this year. We are SO lucky to have such supportive parents in 1L!
- * Another thank you goes out to the parents who are volunteering in the LMC on "B" days when we visit for book check-out. It's fun to have familiar faces helping our 1L readers!
- * If you are interested in volunteering in 1L, the LMC, or being a guest reader, please fill out the blue volunteer form and return it to the office ASAP. Thanks!
- * 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.

