

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



Dates to Remember:

* On Friday, December 13th from 9:45 to 11:00, we will be having our Gingerbread House Celebration. Please remember that your child has been assigned an item to bring in beforehand, as well as a foil-covered cardboard base. All parents are invited to join us for this fun first grade tradition!

Reader's Workshop:

In Reader's Workshop we are moving into our study of non-fiction text. This week we will learn about the differences between fiction and non-fiction and talk about why we read non-fiction books.

Writer's Workshop:

This week we'll review all of the Ezra Jack Keats "tools" we've learned about and get ready to publish our own stories! We will visit the LMC to type pieces from this unit and then create collages to illustrate our stories - just like Ezra Jack Keats!

Math:

In Math we'll focus on subtraction from 20, as well as learn about fact families. A big goal for first grade mathematicians is to increase math fact fluency. Asking your child to add/subtract numbers at home is great practice!

Word Work:

Our new Word Wall Words are: **by, come, did, his, was.**

This week we will focus on the **short vowels.**

* The December challenge list is now on the Spelling City website. This month's bonus list is all about *winter*.

Science/Social Studies:

* This week we'll talk more about people and places that make up our community. We will head to the LMC to use a computer program called *Map Maker* to design our own communities!

* We are very excited to welcome parent visitors into 1L over the next few weeks to talk about their roles in the community.

Odds and Ends:

* **It's not too late!** If you are still interested in coming in sometime this month to talk about your role in the community, please let me know and we can schedule a day/time!