

1L's Weekly News - Week of December 21st



Dates to Remember:

- * This Tuesday, December 22nd is an All School Pajama Day!
- * Progress reports will be available for viewing on Infinite Campus this Wednesday, December 23rd. This standards-based progress report reflects your child's growth in first grade so far. If you have any questions after reviewing your first grader's progress report, please let me know.
- * Our winter recess is Thursday, December 24th to Friday, January 1st. School will reopen on Monday, January 4th. I wish you a happy and bright holiday season and a healthy new year. Enjoy the time spent with family and friends. I'll see you all in 2016! ☺

Reader's Workshop:

We will spend our three-day week reading different versions of the classic tale - *The Gingerbread Man*. We'll compare/contrast these stories as a class.

Writer's Workshop:

We have been spending time "writing for many purposes". Last week our writers brainstormed reasons why we write letters. This week we'll continue to write letters and create some cards as well!

Math:

We'll spend our math time this week learning some new games to reinforce addition and subtraction concepts.

Word Work:

There will be no new Word Wall words this week. Please continue to practice the "oldies, but goodies" at home!

Science/Social Studies:

- * Last week we welcomed Mr. Waiksnis into 1L! He taught us all about his job as a firefighter. We learned about fire safety rules and saw the gear and tools that he uses to stay safe while doing his job. Thank you, Mr. Waiksnis!
- * We will spend time this week wrapping up our unit all about community helpers. 1L is so very thankful for all of the volunteers that came in to talk about their roles in the community. We had a record number of parents come in and we truly appreciate your time and dedication...these home/school/community connections are so important for our kids!

Odds and Ends:

- * A special thank you to Mrs. Blessey and Mrs. Gilligan, our CANE volunteers. They came in last week to teach us about the food chain. The class enjoyed the lesson!
- * There will be no homework in first grade this week. Enjoy the holiday season!