

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



Dates to Remember:

- * Valentine's Day is right around the corner! We are asking all first graders to bring in a shoebox by this Wednesday, February 3rd, in order to collect valentines from friends!
- * Our mathematicians' geometry projects are due back to school by this Friday, February 5th.
- * If your child wishes to bring in Valentine's Day cards, please have him/her bring one for each child in our class. Cards may be brought in between February 8th and 11th.
- * Thursday, February 11th there will be a 1:40 dismissal, and no school Friday, February 12th due to teacher professional development. Also, there is no school on Monday, February 15th in observance of Presidents' Day.

Reader's Workshop:

In Reader's Workshop we are continuing our character unit. This week we'll look at relationships between characters, practice changing our voices while reading to show a character's feelings, and look at what can cause characters' feelings to change in a story.

Writer's Workshop:

Our writers are really enjoying persuasive writing! Last week we brainstormed topics that they could write about. This week we'll focus on writing catchy introductions and conclusions.

Math:

In Math we are beginning our place value unit, called "Organizing and Collecting". Students will be taking inventory of some of our classroom supplies. We'll learn all about organizing objects in groups (with an emphasis on groups of 10) and skip counting. Ask your mathematician why it's helpful to organize objects into groups of 10!

* You can learn more about this unit by visiting the district's math wiki. Follow this link and click on the unit 4 letter:

<http://fairfieldpublicschools.k5math.wikispaces.com/Homework+Help+Grade+1>

Word Work:

Our new Word Wall Words are: **are, did, for, have, now.**

* The February Challenge List has been added to 1L's Spelling City page. This word list focuses on numbers.

Science/Social Studies:

* Ask your scientist what animal he/she has chosen to study during our Living Things unit!

Odds and Ends:

* Be sure to check out a new slideshow on the 1L website, featuring some fun hands-on math work that we've been doing in our classroom!