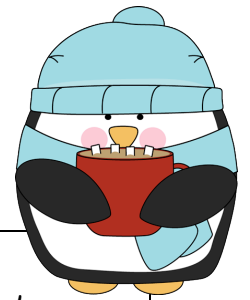


1L's Weekly News - Week of February 15th



Dates to Remember:

- * There is no school this Monday, February 15th in observance of Presidents' Day.
- * **Diversity Week** is this week at Dwight! We will focus on celebrating individuality, cultural diversity, generational diversity, as well as walking in others' shoes. We are looking forward to the special events and visitors this week.

Reader's Workshop:

Our readers have been hard at work looking at characters in fiction stories. This week we'll talk about lessons that characters learn in stories, as well as practice using evidence to support our thinking.

Writer's Workshop:

In Writer's Workshop we'll spend time working on some Diversity Week writing activities.

Math:

- * This week we'll continue our place value unit, and practice grouping objects in packs of 10 and 5. We'll also play a game called "Race to 100".
- * Thank you for helping your first grader practice his/her math facts during the week. It's so important to build a foundation in fact fluency this year. If your child hasn't tried Xtramath, it's a great site that helps students recall their basic facts with speed and accuracy. Check out some FAQs about Xtramath here: <https://xtramath.org/home/faq>

Word Work:

- * Our new Word Wall Words are: **away, into, little, us, very.**
- * This week we will also focus on **vowel teams**. These are two vowels that travel together, such as **oa, ea, ai, ay**. We'll learn about the rule, "When two vowels go walking, the first one does the talking."

Science/Social Studies:

In science, we are hard at work researching animals in the LMC. Ask your scientist what he/she has learned so far!

Odds and Ends:

- * 1L had fun celebrating Valentine's Day last week. Thank you to Valentina's mom and Colin's mom for being our party volunteers!