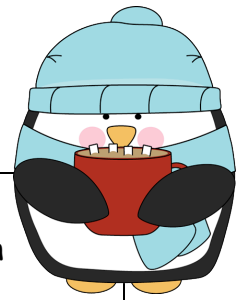


1L's Weekly News - Week of February 17th



Dates to Remember:

* The **Hoops for Hope** Mill Hill vs. Dwight basketball event will take place on Thursday, February 27th at 6:00 pm at Roger Ludlowe Middle School. This fundraiser benefits the Kyle Winslow All Abilities Playground. There is a packet of information on the 1L website, outlining the details of this event. Hope to see you there!

* On Friday, March 7th at 1:45, 1L invites you to attend our Emperor Penguin Expedition. We are excited to bring you along on our "journey" to Antarctica!

Reader's Workshop:

We are continuing our poetry unit of study. This week we will continue to read, enjoy, think about, and write about poetry. Our poets have received special poetry folders for this unit, where they are keeping all of their written responses to poems we read. It's great to see our readers reflecting on poetry!

Writer's Workshop:

In Writer's Workshop we'll continue our non-fiction unit. Last week we practiced writing good beginnings to our expert books. We'll talk about what makes a good ending this week.

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/Grade+1+Parent+Unit+Letters>

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:

We are hard at work getting ready for our Penguin Expedition coming up on Friday, March 7th at 1:45. This week we'll spend time in the LMC talking about adaptations, and brainstorming to create our own Antarctic animals!

Odds and Ends:

* We'll celebrate Valentine's Day on Tuesday of this week. We're looking forward to our classroom party! Thank you to our parent volunteers for their flexibility. ☺