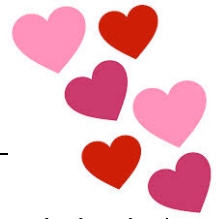


1L's Weekly News - Week of February 2nd



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 4th, in order to collect valentines from friends!
- * Thanks to amazing participation in Hoops for Heart fundraising, students have earned an All School Pajama/Crazy Hair Day this Wednesday, February 4th!
- * We have made it! This Thursday, February 5th is the **100th day of school**. I have planned many great activities to help us celebrate this big day!
- * 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 9th and 12th.

Reader's Workshop:

In Reader's Workshop we are continuing our fiction unit all about story elements. We will continue to talk about characters and setting, and this week we'll also discuss problem and solution. These are great elements to identify when reading with your first grader at home!

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:

- * We are wrapping up our geometry and fractions unit. Last week we learned two new vocabulary words: *numerator* and *denominator*. This week we'll focus on fractions of a set.
- * On Thursday, we'll do lots of fun math work with the number 100!

Word Work:

- * There will be no new Word Wall words this week. Please continue to practice the "oldies, but goodies" at home!
- * The February Challenge List has been added to 1L's Spelling City page. This word list focuses on numbers.

Science/Social Studies:

- * 1L sends a big thank you to Mr. Wheeler for coming in last week to teach us about his job at Ralph Lauren. The class loved seeing pictures on the Smartboard and hearing about what he does!
- * We'll spend more time in the LMC this week doing more emperor penguin research. Ask your scientist what he/she has learned so far!

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!