

1L's Weekly News - Week of February 22nd



Dates to Remember:

* Stay tuned for upcoming important dates! ☺

Reader's Workshop:

This week we'll move into a study of **theme** in fiction books. **Theme** means the *big idea* or *what the story is mostly about*. We'll practice finding the theme in different books this week.

Writer's Workshop:

In Writer's Workshop we will learn all about writing book reviews, and try to convince our readers to choose books that we love.

Math:

* This week in Math, we'll continue our study of place value by using manipulatives to practice making two digit numbers in different ways, using packs tens and loose ones. (i.e. - 73 is 7 tens and 3 ones OR 6 tens and 13 ones)

* 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: *Continuation of last week's 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:

We are continuing our animal research in the LMC. Our scientists are focusing on answering the questions:

What does my animal look like?

How do they move?

What do they eat?

What special adaptations do they have?

Where do they live?

We're also looking for any fun facts!

Odds and Ends:

* 1L would like to send a very big THANK YOU to Alex's mom and Petey's grandmother for joining us in celebration of Dwight's Diversity Week. Alex's mom shared all about the culture and traditions of Poland, and Petey's grandmother taught us all about what school was like when she was little.

* If you have not signed up for a spring conference slot, please do so as soon as possible. Here's the link to sign up online:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4caba622a1fd0-1spring>