

## 1L's Weekly News - Week of February 3<sup>rd</sup>



### Dates to Remember:

- \* This Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a 1:40 dismissal for all students, due to teacher professional development.
- \* Valentine's Day is right around the corner! We are asking all first graders to bring in a shoebox by Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, in order to collect valentines from friends!
- \* We have made it! This Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> is the **100<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Reader's Workshop:

This week we are beginning our **poetry** unit of study. We will spend the week exploring poems, talking about what we notice. We'll also practice visualizing and making connections when we're reading poems.

### Writer's Workshop:

Our writers really enjoyed creating how-to books last week! Ask your writer what he/she taught in a how-to book. This week we'll wrap-up our non-fiction unit by talking about what makes a good introduction and what makes a good conclusion.

### Math:

- \* We are wrapping up our geometry and fractions unit this week. The solid figure projects, due on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, have been coming in, and they are wonderful! We'll have a big share during math time on Monday; our mathematicians seem very excited!
- \* On Thursday, we'll do lots of fun math work with the number 100!

### Word Work:

Our new Word Wall Words are: **but, from, our, put, your**.

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

### Science/Social Studies:

- \* We spent time in the LMC last week wrapping up our emperor penguin research. We also learned a bit about robins, and talked about why they could not survive in Antarctica. This week we'll head to the LMC to use Kidpix to illustrate our favorite emperor penguin facts.

### Odds and Ends:

- \* Be sure to check out a new slideshow on the 1L website, from all of our January happenings!