

1L's Weekly News - Week of February 8th



Dates to Remember:

- * This Thursday, February 11th there will be a 1:40 dismissal, and no school this Friday, February 12th due to teacher professional development. Also, there is no school on Monday, February 15th in observance of Presidents' Day. Enjoy the long weekend! ☺
- * 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 any day this week.
- * We have made it! This Thursday, February 11th is the **100th day of school**. I have planned some fun activities to help us celebrate this big day!
- * **Diversity Week** is coming up at Dwight (February 16th-19th) and there are a number of special events planned! Wednesday, February 17th is "Cultural Diversity Day" and 1L is looking for parent volunteers who would like to come in to share about their backgrounds. We'd love to see pictures, hear stories, and learn about different traditions or customs! Thursday, February 18th is "Generational Diversity Day" and we'd like to invite grandparents in to talk about what life was like when they were first graders. If you are interested in setting up a time to visit on either of these days, please send me an email!

Reader's Workshop:

In Reader's Workshop we'll continue our character unit by looking at how characters can change in a story.

Writer's Workshop:

In Writer's Workshop this week we'll do some work with personal Word Walls.

Math:

- * In Math we are continuing our place value unit. We have been using the language "packs of ten" and "loose ones" as we focus on two digit numbers. (For example, 52 is made up of 5 packs of ten and 2 loose ones.)
- * Thank you for all of your support at home with our mathematicians' solid figure geometry projects. This Tuesday, we will set up our projects in the APR for display, along with the other two first grade classes. We'll do a "museum walk" to check out our creative work! Stay tuned for a slideshow on our classroom website!

Word Work:

- * There will be no new words introduced this week...we'll continue practicing our current Word Wall Words!

Science/Social Studies:

We'll begin our animal research in the LMC this week!

Odds and Ends:

- * A reminder that we do have a snack break every morning in 1L and your child should come in with a healthy snack each day.