# 1L's Weekly News - Week of March 3rd

#### Dates to Remember:

\* This Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:45, we invite all parents to attend our Penguin Expedition. If you have not returned your RSVP, please do so this week. Also, we are encouraging our first grade scientists to wear black and white on Friday.

\* This Friday, March  $7^{th}$  Dwight will welcome author Julia Cook. We are excited to learn all about her books!

## Reader's Workshop:

This week we'll continue our study of poetry by discussing the **theme** of poems we read in 1L.

## Writer's Workshop:

In Writer's Workshop we will spend some time working on non-fiction science writing, in preparation for our upcoming Penguin Expedition.

#### Math:

In Math we are continuing our place value unit. We'll keep our focus on groups of ten, using the language "packs of ten" and "loose ones". Last week we counted groups of objects and talked about the totals using this language. (For example, if a partnership counted 46 blocks that means there are 4 groups of ten and 6 loose ones.) This week we'll discuss what we could add to numbers to make full packs of ten. (For example, if there are 46 blocks, we'd need 4 more blocks to make 5 complete groups of ten.)

Word Work: We will continue last week's work.

- \* Our Word Wall Words are: here, man, play, saw, what.
- \* The March Challenge List has been added to 1L's Spelling City page. It focuses on numbers 11-20.

## Science/Social Studies:

Our Expedition Leaders are getting 1L ready for our trip to Antarctica this week!

## Odds and Ends:

- \* If you have not signed up for a spring conference, please do so as soon as you are able. You can find a PDF copy of our conference schedule in a February 24<sup>th</sup> email blast from me.
- \* During these (never ending!) winter months, students participate in outdoor recess as often as possible. Please remember to send your first grader to school with boots, snow pants, hats, gloves, etc. Thanks!