

# 1L's Weekly News - Week of September 14<sup>th</sup>



## Dates to Remember:

- \* Dwight's Open House is this Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. I am looking forward to meeting with many of you!
- \* There is no school next Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> in observance of Yom Kippur.

## Reader's Workshop:

We are officially launching Reader's Workshop in 1L this week! We'll set reading goals for ourselves, talk about the structure of Reader's Workshop, and learn how to "linger" in our books.

## Writer's Workshop:

Last week in Writer's Workshop we began our weekly tradition of Weekend News. Every Monday morning, students will write and draw about their weekends. This is an exciting way to continue to practice our writing skills and get to know each other!

## Math:

We've been using graphs to learn all about each other. This week we'll practice taking surveys and tallying our results. We'll also begin our focus on **number sense** this week. One of the things we'll practice is *subitizing* numbers. Subitizing means "instantly seeing how many". For example, when you roll a die and can automatically tell that you rolled a five, instead of touching each dot and counting one-by-one, you are subitizing. This is a great skill for our mathematicians to have as they build their number sense.

## Word Work:

In Word Work, we'll introduce five new Word Wall words each week. The words will be put on the Word Wall in our classroom and students will be expected to spell them correctly in their writing. We'll begin with a review of some of the words that students learned and practiced last year.

Our new Word Wall Words are: **a, and, I, the, to**

## Science/Social Studies:

Stay tuned for more information about our first Science unit!

## Odds and Ends:

- \* We're off to a great start in 1L! The students are finding connections to each other (and to me!) and we're getting to know each other. We are truly becoming a community and everyone seems to be enjoying first grade!
- \* Please remember to send a snack in with your child every day. We will have a snack break each morning in 1L. (**Reminder: Classroom snacks should not contain nuts.**)
- \* If you are picking up your child at the end of the day, or if there are any other changes in dismissal, your child will need a note in his/her homework folder that morning.
- \* Please remember to have your first grader wear sneakers on "B" days and "E" days, as those are the days we have P.E.
- \* Last week we met our Book Buddies in 4H. All of the students (first graders and fourth graders!) were excited to get together. We will be meeting throughout the year to read, share activities, and do projects!