

# Here's what we are up to in 1K this week!

January 4<sup>th</sup> –January 8<sup>th</sup>



**Reading:** This week we are starting a new unit called “Appreciating Fiction Through the Characters’ Eyes”. Students will practice previewing books by looking at the cover and pictures in books, and make predictions about the characters. We will also talk about different story elements this week including characters, setting, events, problems and solutions. You can ask your reader to tell you about the different story elements in their books they take home for homework this week!

**Writing:** We are starting our new “writing reviews” unit in writing this week! The students will be doing opinion writing in this unit. We will start by talking about what it means to be a judge and what an opinion is. We will also practice giving details and reasons for our own reviews to try and convince others.

**Math:** This week in math we will begin our geometry and fractions unit. We will spend time discussing the difference between defining and non-defining attributes of shapes. We will also describe and compare different shapes by their defining attributes (sides, angles, vertices, etc.)

**Science:** Our next science unit is all about living things. In the coming weeks, students will begin to learn what animals need to survive as well as different animal adaptations.

**Word Work:** New words: **this, that, what, when, who**

Word work focus: Blends (ex: bl, gr, cr, fl, st) and Digraphs (sh, ch, th, wh)

**\*\*Spelling City is updated!** Our new words can be found in the January list and there is a challenge list for January with winter words!

**\*\*A full list of all our word wall words is updated on my website!** You can print and use the list with your child when they do their Wednesday write night.

## **Special Notes:**

- Happy New Year! I hope you all had a relaxing winter break with your families. I welcome 2016 and look forward to getting back to school and seeing all the smiling faces in 1K!
- Thank you to Mrs. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Nguyen for helping with our holiday party before winter break! The students made a great craft and heard some wonderful holiday stories.
- There will be no school Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.