

1J News

January 23, 2009

Today is the 87th day of first grade.

***Correction: We will be making penguins on **Tuesday, February 3** (not February 2). See below for details.

Thank you to all who volunteered to be chaperones on the field trip to the New England Aquarium. Susan MacDougall, Mary Kaye and Lisa Weslewill be joining us as chaperones. We have one more field trip this year - to Drumlin Farm. We will need a chaperone for that trip, so please stay tuned!

Undercover Reading in 1J was a hit! The children read with buddies and alone, read "just right" books (those they can read independently) and books that were too hard, they read sitting up and lying down, they read under covers and on top of covers. The key words being "they read".

Next Wednesday, 1/28, we will have Card Game Day. The children may bring in a card game from home, or play with what we have at school. If your child brings a game from home, please make sure he or she knows how to play it. You may also want to mark all the cards in the deck with your family initials to make sure you get them all back.

Our next science unit will be the study of penguins. Not only will the children in 1J be learning about penguins, but they will also be making them! We will have two sessions of penguin making and need several volunteers. If you are able to come in on Tuesday, February 3, from 1:30-3:00, please let me know. As always, no experience needed - just the willingness to get your hands "gluey"! **We also need 2 parent volunteers to cut out the penguin shapes at home before February 3. I will supply the pattern (very simple!) and fabric. Please let me**

know if you are able to help with that project.

Please send appropriate outdoor play clothes with your child everyday. We go out for recess most days and the children need coats, hats, mittens, boots, and snow pants. **You might want to tuck dry pairs of mittens and socks into your child's backpack to use when the snow gets the better of him or her! PLEASE LABEL ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S OUTDOOR CLOTHING WITH HIS OR HER NAME.**

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, January 28 - Card Game Day in 1J

Tuesday, February 2 - Penguin making 1:30-3:00 Volunteers needed!!

Friday, February 6 - Progress reports sent home

Wednesday, February 11 - Family Open School Night 6:30pm-8:00pm

Friday, February 13 - Field trip to New England Aquarium

Friday, February 13 - 1J Valentine card exchange

Friday, February 13 - School dismissed at 3:05 for February vacation

Monday, February 23 - Back to school!

Friday, April 10 - No school - Good Friday

Friday, April 17 - School dismissed at 3:05 for April vacation

Monday, April 27 - Back to school!

Monday, May 25 - No school - Memorial Day

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