

1J News

January 30, 2009

James was our 1J All Star this week.

Today is the 91st day of first grade.

The children and I look forward to hosting you at the Hunnewell Open School Night. Please join us on Wednesday, February 11, 6:30pm-8:00pm. The children will give you a guided tour of our classroom and the school.

Our Math Card Game Day has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 4. Your child may bring a card game to play, or borrow one from our classroom. Please be sure your child is able to play the game and that the cards are labeled with your child's name.

On Monday morning Hunnewell School was treated to a performance by the Bamidele African Dancers and Drummers. The students learned how dancing was used in Africa, Brazil and the Caribbean in everyday living to tell stories, to celebrate life, and to rejoice in freedom. Thanks, Creative Arts Committee!

Last week Mrs. Flood came to 1J to talk to the children about the importance of washing hands and desks. To that end, our supply of disinfectant wipes has dwindled. Please pick up an extra container when you shop and send them into school. Thank you!

In an effort to stop the spread of illness, Mrs. Flood has asked us all to take home water bottles EVERY DAY and bring back a clean one the next day. Your child will be either recycling his or her water bottle at the end of each day or taking the reusable one home for a good washing.

Our study of penguins has begun! This week the children learned about the life cycle of the emperor penguin. They also experimented with walking with an egg on their feet - just like the male emperor

penguin! Through experimentation, they realized that the pocket the male keeps the egg in is very helpful for keeping the egg safe and sound. They also worked in groups to make life-sized emperor, adelinie, rockhopper and little blue penguins.

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, February 3 - Penguin making 1:30-3:00

Friday, February 6 - Penguin Making Round 2 12:45-1:30

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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