

1J News

October 10, 2008

Today is the 27th day of first grade.

We started the week with an all-school assembly. The fifth graders helped the children become reacquainted with the CARE values of our school. They also talked to them about an all-school project we are working on - making a quilt to represent the CARE values.

Our nature walk was held on Tuesday. The children spent 30 minutes outside practicing their skills of observation. They brought in many treasures that they found and we will use them to make a Venn diagram, representing how two things are the same and different. Thank you so much to the parent volunteers who guided the children on their walk.

Our Open Circle lessons have focused on writing our classroom rules, learning the difference between negotiable and nonnegotiable rules, and practicing the school listening look.

The children built equal arm balances this week. They have used them to balance an object and cubes. Next week they will order objects, depending upon their weight.

Some Business Reminders and Notes

Just a reminder that when your child arrives after school has started you should check him/her in at the office and then let your child walk down to the classroom independently. Thanks for your cooperation.

We use a lot of disinfectant wipes in 1J, so we always welcome donations. The children understand the importance of keeping the room as germ free as possible.

Looking Ahead

Monday, October 13 - No school - Columbus Day

Friday, October 24 - 1J Parent Social 7:30pm

Friday, October 31 - Halloween parade, 8:45-9:30am

Tuesday, November 4 - Noon dismissal - Fall Conferences

Tuesday, November 11 - No school - Veterans Day

Friday, November 14 - Hunnewell Sock Hop

Thursday & Friday, November 27 & 28 - No school - Happy Thanksgiving

Monday, December 1 - No school - Professional Day

Monday, December 15 - Construction workshop for Ghanaian play -
Parent volunteers will be needed - more information will follow after
Thanksgiving break

Friday, December 19 - Ghanaian performance "The Singing Drum"
10:30-11:00 in the music room - families invited

Tuesday, December 23 - School dismissed at 3:05 for December
vacation

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