

1J News

October 3, 2008

Today is the 23rd day of first grade.

Our nature walk is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7, at 2pm (raindate: Tuesday, October 14, at 2pm). At this time we have 4 volunteers, which will make the groups quite large. **It would be helpful to have at least 1 more volunteer. Please let me know if you can join us.**

Please check the updated conference schedule I have posted on the webpage.

This week the children made mobiles and experimented with the intricacies of balance. It was quite a challenge to get paper clips to balance on straws, but the challenge was half the fun! They also made equal arm balances and began to observe the factors involved in keeping the sides balanced. Today we played some balancing games - seeing how long we could balance on one foot, if we could walk across the room with a book balanced on our heads. We noted what affected the ease with which we balanced.

We continue to work on the upper case letters and proper pencil grip. It is important to monitor your child's pencil grip to make sure that he/she is holding his pencil in a way that will make writing more comfortable and legible.

We finished Charlotte's Web this week. The children enjoyed the story, even though many have read it already. Next week we will watch the movie and note the differences between the book and the movie (and also talk about which came first!).

You may have noticed an "oops!" notation on some of your child's work. The children know that an "oops!" means the answer is incorrect or incomplete and they should fix the error and hand it back in.

Some Business Reminders and Notes

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

Thursday, October 9 - No school - Yom Kippur

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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