

1J News

November 7, 2008

**Today is the 46th day of first grade.
This week's 1J All Star was Ryan!!**

Our field trip to the Museum of Fine Arts was such a success. The children toured 4 galleries and made their own artistic renditions of some art work they saw. Thank you to our chaperones, Diane Prus and Daniela Rivera, for accompanying us to the museum.

Wasn't the Halloween parade so much fun? The children loved dressing up and parading around the school grounds with their 5H reading buddies.

The ballots were cast at Hunnewell School on Tuesday and the winner was Barack Obama. The election sparked many interesting and lively discussions in school.

I am enjoying meeting with all of you at our fall conferences. Let's consider this conference the first of many times we will discuss your child's progress this year.

We began our study of birds this week. We began with a discussion and activity about habitats and what both people and birds need to survive. We focused on our playground as a habitat for birds and talked about ways we could make it safer and more accommodating to birds.

We have begun our final round of handwriting review and practice. This week we began our focus on lower case letters and started emphasizing when lower case letters should be used. Please encourage this emphasis with work your child does at home.

Next week we will add 25 more high frequency words to the children's word rings. They use these rings for practice and as a resource when they are writing. Look for the new 25 words on the web page next week.

Looking Ahead

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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