

1J News

February 9, 2009

Julia Murray was our 1J All Star last week.

Today is the 97th day of first grade.

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

Just a reminder that on Friday, February 13, we will trade Valentine cards. Please make sure your child has a card for each classmate (see the class list at the end of this letter) - no edible treats, please!

We are looking forward to seeing the 100 collections your children have been working on. Each year I am always amazed at the creative ways the children display 100 items.

Our Card Game Day was a success. The children played Uno, Go Fish, Crazy Eights, War, and other games. Just a reminder -playing card games helps develop math, reasoning, and good sportsmanship skills.

The Weekly Readers always provide us with interesting topics. We have recently read about Black History Month, Arctic animals, Abraham Lincoln, and the 100th anniversary of the penny. Thank you to the PTO for supplying us with the Weekly Reader subscription.

Our Open Circle lessons have been built around things the children are bringing up as problems. We have talked about making sure you say things about other people and their behaviors that are correct and not assumed (i.e. don't make up stories) and giving each other space when we need it (i.e. when another person is feeling sad, giving him or her time to feel better).

Our stuffed penguins are complete and "hanging out" in Antarctica. Look for them when you come to Open School Night. Thank you so much to all the parents who cut out shapes, helped glue the shapes together, and then helped stuff them. The children were thrilled with the results.

Thank you to the families who sent in disinfectant wipes. They are always appreciated.

Looking Ahead

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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