

1J News

March 13, 2009

Brendan was our 1J All Star last week.

Jack was our 1J All Star this week

Today is the 115th day of first grade.

The students of 1J cordially invite you to attend our **Math Morning on Friday, March 27, from 8:45am - 9:15.** During that time you will have the opportunity to play the math games the children have learned so far this year. We hope you are all able to attend.

Yesterday I sent home a copy of our spring conference schedule. It is also posted on the 1J website. If you are unable to meet with me at our scheduled time, please let me know and we will reschedule.

I hope many of you are planning to attend the Hunnewell Auction this evening. My evening is quite full (Kathryn turned 15 today!), but I hope to be able to stop by for a short time.

I will be posting the second 50 sight words on the 1J web site in the next few days. It would be beneficial if you helped your child practice reading and writing all these words.

Did you hear about the 1J block town? We moved the desks and chairs, got out all the building supplies, and made a block town. The children had plenty of opportunities to be creative and cooperative.

Next week we will begin our study of bird beaks. The children will learn how different beaks determine what birds can eat. To provide the children with hands-on experience with this concept, we will be having a bird buffet on **Thursday, March 19, 1:40-3:00**, and will need several volunteers to help out. If you are able to help, please let me know. As always, no experience needed!

Last week I had the opportunity to attend a one day workshop

sponsored by the school district focusing on phonemic awareness and phonics instruction. It was a very beneficial workshop and I have already put some of the suggestions to use in 1J.

Have you heard about "warm-ups"? After the children unpack and are ready to begin their school day, they begin working on a warm-up activity. This is a short activity which involves practice of a previously learned skill. Sometimes the activity can be completed independently and other times it involves teamwork.

Our classroom marker supply has dwindled. Check with your child to see if he or she would like to bring in a personal supply to keep in his or her desk. So far the children have done a wonderful job of sharing, but with the supply so small, it is getting more difficult.

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

Looking Ahead

Monday, March 23 - Musical Mosaic K-2, 6:00-6:30 PM

Friday, March 27 - **First grade math morning, 8:45am-9:15am**

Tuesday, April 7 - Noon dismissal - Spring conferences

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

Friday, June 5th - Hunnewell concert and picnic

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