

# 1J News

March 27, 2009

Courtney was our 1J All Star this week

**Today is the 125th day of first grade.**

Thank you all for coming to our Math Morning. I hope you had as much fun as the children! The games you played are a major component of our math program. Not only do they provide a lot of practice for the children, they give them an opportunity to "play" with numbers and make mathematical observations.

You must have all been so proud to see your children in the Musical Mosaic. They practiced hard and it certainly showed in the dress rehearsal! I understand the evening performance was very impressive.

We have completed our study of bird beaks and are marching on to our study of bird feet! Feet play an important part in determining where a bird lives and how it gets its food - stay tuned!

The children are ready to publish their first Writer's Workshop books. We have 3 brave volunteers who are coming in on Tuesday to type them. The typing will be followed by careful illustrating, and then binding. It is so exciting!

As you read in the letter sent home yesterday, we are beginning a new math unit, Color, Shape, and Number Patterns. In this unit, the children will work with repeating patterns and number sequences. Several of the lessons involve using cut out shapes, which need to be made ahead of time. If you are interested in spending an hour or so at school next week, cutting out shapes with the Die Cut Letter Machine, please let me know. As always, no experience needed!

### **Looking Ahead**

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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