

# 1J News

April 9, 2009

Allison was our 1J All Star last week

Thursday was the 134th day of first grade.  
There are 46 more days of school.

Please check the Looking Ahead section of the newsletter regularly - as the countdown to the end of the school year begins, there will be more scheduled events added each week.

It was so good to meet with each of you for our spring conference. Sharing your child's work and accomplishments is always so rewarding. The children have all made such remarkable progress in first grade. Together they have become a strong community; learning together, working together, and laughing together. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any remaining questions or concerns. I love to talk about my first graders!

We have completed our study of bird feet. This week the children made clay figures of one type of foot, described it, and identified its characteristics. There are a few websites listed under *First Grade Curriculum Resources* on the Wellesley Public Schools website that you may want to check out for more information about birds.

Thanks to Diane Prus and Katey Goehringer, the children each have a published *Writer's Workshop* story. The stories have been typed, illustrated, and bound. The children are so proud and cannot wait to share their stories with their classmates. They will continue to work on editing already written stories and writing new stories, using techniques learned through mini-lessons. Then we will begin another round of publishing.

Thank you to Daniella Rivera and Mary Ann Horgan for bringing us some wonderful artwork as part of our Art Appreciation program. The children studied pieces of cityscapes and made very insightful observations. Whenever we have an art appreciation lesson, I am always amazed at how observant the children can be, given plenty of time to look, absorb, and "feel" the artwork.

As part of our service learning project related to our CARE values, our class will be writing letters to the Wellesley police officers. We will then walk down to the police station to deliver the letters. We will need 10 adult volunteers to walk to the police station with us the week after April vacation. I am working with Officer Brain Spencer to arrange the visit. Please watch for the permission and volunteer form next week, once we have the dates arranged.

### **Looking Ahead**

Friday, April 17 - School dismissed at 3:05 for April vacation

Monday, April 27 - Welcome back to school!

Friday, May 15 - Fun Fair

Monday, May 25 - No school - Memorial Day

Monday, June 1 - Men Read at Hunnewell 8:45-9:30

Friday, June 5th - Hunnewell concert and picnic

Tuesday, June 9 - Field Day K-1, 9:30-10:30

MOnday, June 15 - 8th grade celebration, 8:45-9:30

Tuesday, June 16 - Raindate - Field Day K-1, 9:30-10:30

Friday, June 19 - Autograph Party, 2:45-3:00

Tuesday, June 23 - Last Day of school, Clap Out, 11:40

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