

# 1J News

April 17, 2009

Amica was our 1J All Star this week

Today is the 138th day of first grade.  
Can you believe it? There are only 42 days left.

**Please checking the Looking Ahead section for important end of the year activities.**

On Thursday, May 28, 1J will be dissecting owl pellets. If you would like to volunteer to help us from 2:00-3:00, please let me know. No experience needed!

All first graders in Wellesley study the books of Mem Fox. We have spent the last 2 weeks reading and discussing many of them. Many of the stories focus on families, friendship, and challenges. On our hall bulletin board we have illustrations of each child's favorite book. You can look for all of the Mem Fox books at the Wellesley Public Library.

Our new read aloud is entitled, Toys Go Out, by Emily Jenkins. This book especially interesting because the children and I are all hearing it for the first time. Yesterday we finally found out what kind of toy "plastic" is; today they are going to experience their trip to the washing machine!

The chick eggs are coming to 1J! Thanks to two very dedicated moms, Hope Crosier and Mary Kaye, the first grade classes will be hatching chick eggs after vacation. Today the incubator is being tested and the children are so excited and have many questions. The eggs will be placed in the incubator on April 28 and will take 21 days to grow. I am sure you will hear a lot about them as they develop.

In addition to learning about the development of eggs, we will be studying bird nests. We will look closely at the materials used and the places nests are built. Many birds are busy with nests at this time of year; if you see one near your home, please point it out to your child and watch if baby birds hatch in it.

We are looking forward to our visit with Grace Lin on Monday, April 27. Mrs. Scott has prepared the children by reading many of her books. We will have a lesson with Ms. Lin, entitled, How a Book Is Made. A big thanks to the Creative Arts Committee and the PTO for offering us this wonderful opportunity.

As it becomes closer to the end of the year, you may want to arrange to come in to 1J to read to the class, if you have not already done so. Our Guest Reader slots have been filled, but I can arrange another time that is convenient for you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you are interested in coming in to read.

Best wishes for a relaxing April vacation.

### Looking Ahead

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

Monday, April 27 - Welcome back to school!

Thursday, April 30 - Walk to the Wellesley Police Station 1:30-3:00

Tuesday, May 5 - RAINDATE for walk to the police station

Friday, May 15 - Fun Fair

Monday, May 25 - No school - Memorial Day

Thursday, May 28 - Dissecting owl pellets 2:00-3:00

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

Friday, June 5th - Hunnewell concert and picnic

Monday, June 8 - Field trip to Drumlin Farm

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

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

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

Thursday, June 18 - 1J Poetry Recital 8:45am - 9:30am

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

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

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