

1J News

May 1, 2009

Lauren was our 1J All Star this week

Today is the 143th day of first grade.
Can you believe it? There are only 37 days left.

Please note the 1J Poetry Recital scheduled for June 18. At our recital each child will recite a poem of his or her choice - it is a "can't miss" event.

Meeting Grace Lin and learning the process of making a book was so exciting. The children learned how many people it takes to publish a book and how long it takes. A big thanks to the Creative Arts Committee and the PTO for offering us this wonderful opportunity.

Our walk to the Wellesley Police Station was a success. We were greeted by Officer Brian Spencer, who introduced us to other police officers and gave us a short tour of the station. We presented the children's notes of gratitude to Officer Spencer and he hung it up in their roll call room. It was difficult to tell who was more honored - the children or Officer Spencer. Thank you so much to the parents (and grandmother!) who chaperoned on this walking field trip.

Our chick eggs arrived on Tuesday and our countdown to hatching begins! The eggs need to incubate for 21 days, which sets our hatching date at May 18! During this incubation time, the children will have two opportunities to "wick" the eggs; that is, to use a flashlight-like device to "look through" the shell to see how the chicks are developing. The entire process is so exciting and educational for the children - thanks, Hope and Mary!

The children and I are all enjoying our read aloud, Toys Go Out. This week we read about a trip to the beach and the rivalry between

Stingray and Plastic. Plastic's trip to the beach was quite eventful and he was happy to return home and Stingray found out he was not a floating stingray - could they turn out to be friends after all?

On Thursday, May 28, 1J will be dissecting owl pellets. This activity works best with **many** volunteers; if you would like to volunteer to help us from 2:00-3:00, please let me know. No experience needed!

Looking Ahead

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 - rain or shine

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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