

# 1J News

May 29, 2009

Melchor was our 1J All Star this week

Today is the 163rd day of first grade.  
Can you believe it? There are only 17 days left.

Please note the time correction to the 5th Grade Clap Out on June 23. It begins at **11:45**, not **11:40**.

Dissecting owl pellets was very interesting for the children. To introduce the lesson I used the 1J ELMO (thank you so much, PTO!) to show the whole class how to break the pellet apart and begin looking for bones. The children worked carefully to make sure they did not break any of the bones. They took them home in a film canister today.

As I mentioned in the above paragraph, our ELMO has been put to quick use. Today the children all had a chance to see how it works and we talked about how helpful it will be. Here are some of the comments the children had:

"We can all sit at our desks when you show us math and everyone can see."

"If there are good pictures in a book we can all see them better and no one will get squished."

"No more trying to fit on the rug in a circle!"

"It is very cool!"

"How does it work?"

Thank you so much to all of you who "raised a paddle" at the auction to provide each classroom with this valuable learning tool.

We are in the middle of publishing another Writer's Workshop story. The stories have been typed and all the illustrations have been made. Now the books are waiting to be bound! They will be on display at our Poetry Recital.

We are into our final math unit, Blocks and Boxes. I hope you found the Student Math Handbook helpful as your child worked through first grade math. Please return the book by **Friday, June 12**.

### **Looking Ahead**

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

Thursday, June 4 - Spring nature walk, 8:45am

Friday, June 5th - Hunnewell family 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 - 5th 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, 2:45-3:05 - **Please note that dismissal is at 2:45. You must pick up your children at 2:45 and then attend the autograph party. If your child is to be dismissed to another adult, please write a note.**

Tuesday, June 23 - Last Day of school, Clap Out, 11:45

Noon Dismissal

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