

1J News

May 8, 2009

Clarence was our 1J All Star this week

Today is the 149th day of first grade.
Can you believe it? There are only 31 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.

On Thursday, May 28, 1J will be dissecting owl pellets. This activity works best with **many more** volunteers (right now we have 3 and it would be ideal if we had 10!); if you would like to volunteer to help us from 2:00-3:00, please let me know. No experience needed!

On Monday, June 1, Hunnewell School we be holding our first **Men Read at Hunnewell** from 8:45-9:30. If you are interested in coming in to read to our class, please let Mrs. O'Brien know.

Today we got up close and personal with birds of prey . Thanks to our PTO and Creative Arts committee, Wingmasters visited Hunnewell School with several birds of prey. The children were fascinated with the birds and learned many details about them. This was a great introduction to our birds of prey unit.

We examined bird nests this week and talked about how remarkable it is that birds can build such intricate structures. This is nest building season, so keep your eye out for nests in their natural habitat.

We are regularly adding poems to the poetry folders and the children are reading them, and others, to begin choosing a poem to read at our Poetry Recital. Next week they will be encouraged to write their own poem. Reading poetry with your child is another way to increase fluency and have some fun. You can take turns reading each line, reading

a stanza, or reading the entire poem. There are many books with poems for 2 voices - check them out at the public library.

I know you all heard about the wicking of the eggs. The children were so excited to see how the chicks are growing. We will wick them again on Monday and then, a week later, we will start watching for cracks in the shells. You can feel the excitement in the air!

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

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

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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