

# 1J News

September 19, 2008

**Today is the 14th day of first grade.**

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Back To School Night. I hope you found the evening informative and that you will feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns throughout the year.

We began a journal entitled, The Best Me I Can Be. Each time we read a corresponding book the children will complete a page in their journals. The books, discussions, and journal assignments will help the children develop confidence, learn how to make good choices, be a good friend, and other valuable social skills.

Thanks to the generosity of the PTO, our class receives a subscription to the Weekly Reader, a first grade "newspaper". We read the articles together and discuss current events. When your child brings a Weekly Reader home, you may want to spend some time talking about the topics covered that week.

The Wellesley Fire Department visited Hunnewell School and conducted a fire drill. The children were well prepared and exited the building safely. Our conversation after the drill led us to talk about home fire drills - this is a good time to make sure your child knows what to do if there is a fire at home and to make sure your smoke detectors are working.

Rachel Amrhein, a Wellesley College student working toward a teaching degree, began her observations in our class this week. She will visit us once a week for 10 weeks.

Mr. Cliff Baden is a volunteer who will begin working in our classroom next week. Mr. Baden worked with children in 1J last year and found the work so rewarding he is back again. He will be with us on both Monday and Tuesday mornings and will work with small groups of children and individuals.

### Some Business Reminders and Notes

Please send the Weekly Reading Log back to school with your child EVERYDAY.

Please remember to sign up to be a 1J guest reader and a nature walk volunteer.

Please return the forms in your Back to School folder as soon as possible.

We use a lot of disinfectant wipes in 1J, so we always welcome donations. The children understand the importance of keeping the room as germ free as possible.

### Looking Ahead

Tuesday, September 30 - No school - Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, October 9 - No school - Yom Kippur

Monday, October 13 - No school - Columbus Day

Friday, October 31 - Halloween parade, 8:45-9:30

Tuesday, November 4 - Noon dismissal - Fall Conferences

Tuesday, November 11 - No school - Veterans Day

Friday, November 14 - Hunnewell Sock Hop

Thursday & Friday, November 27 & 28 - No school - Happy Thanksgiving

Monday, December 1 - No school - Professional Day

Tuesday, December 23 - School dismissed at 3:05 for December vacation

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