

1J News

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Introducing the 1J web site, where you can access all the information you need to keep updated on 1J events! This will be the last newsletter that I will send home in hard copy form, (I would be happy to send a hard copy of the newsletter if you let me know you would like one). For all future newsletters and 1J information, please sign up to receive a newsflash by logging onto the address below and following the directions.

<http://teacherweb.com/MA/Hunnewell/1J/>

Today is the 4th day of first grade!

Each newsletter will begin with the number of days we have been in first grade. You may want to use this "count up" as a reminder of how quickly time passes as your child is learning and growing. I hope you will find time each week to stop and marvel at the magic of childhood.

This has been a wonderful first week of first grade. The children are excited to learn and are working very well together. These first few weeks of school are filled with getting to know each other, reviewing skills, and completing assessments.

Every Monday 1J writes in weekend journals. Please talk with your child about what he/she did over the weekend and what he/she plans to write about. Feel free to jot down some ideas I can use to prompt your child's writing, if you feel that would be beneficial. Put the notes in your child's folder and we will find them on Monday morning.

Have you heard about the adventures of Mr. Putter and Tabby? Every day we read a book from the series written by Cynthia Rylant. The children and I love to see what the friends in the book are going to do next!

Thank you for sending in the photos of your child's summer vacation. We used them to introduce ourselves and to decorate our first bulletin board - seems like only yesterday that we were all at the

beach, doesn't it?

Next week we will begin the much anticipated first grade homework. Typically I will send work home on Monday (it will be due Wednesday) and Wednesday (it will be due Friday). The work will be a review of what we have done in school. **The most important homework your child should be doing EACH NIGHT is reading. Please make every effort to read with your first grader every night.** We will talk about reading logs at our Back to School night.

We had 2 fire drills this week. The children are now prepared for an emergency exit of the building.

Some Business Reminders and Notes

******When dropping items off at school for your child, please leave them in the office; the office staff will deliver them to our classroom. Also, when picking up your child early or bringing him/her to school late, please stop in at the office, sign your child in, and send him/her down to the classroom. If everyone follows these procedures we will have fewer interruptions and will be better able to focus on schoolwork. Thanks so much for your cooperation.

******This fall we will take advantage of the shade of the beautiful trees in our school yard and do some schoolwork outside, so please send in a beach towel for your child to sit on. He/She will keep the towel at school until November.

******Our first graders are hungry! Please talk with your child about whether he/she would like an extra snack for the afternoon. Also, please check with your child that he/she likes what you are sending for snacks and lunches and that you are sending enough to satisfy him/her - no one can learn when his/her tummy is rumbling.

******Please send in an old, dark colored sock for your child to use as an eraser for his/her white board.

******Thank you to those of you have used e-mail to contact me. Please be aware that I will make every attempt to respond to your messages within 48 hours, unless, of course, it is a time sensitive issue.

******Thank you for sending in first week dismissal information for

your child. Going forward I will assume that your child is being dismissed in his usual way unless I hear from you. It is essential that I know, through a note, who is picking up your child. Please do not assume your child (or I!) will remember or that it is acceptable for you to send someone else in your place, without contacting me. Following the dismissal routine is very important for the safety and well-being of your child.

Looking Ahead

Friday, September 12 - Ice Cream Social, 6:00pm

Wednesday, September 17 - Back to School Night,
K-Grade 2, 7:20-7:50pm

If you are not able to join us on this evening, please let me know and I would be happy to send home all the information that is available for parents.

Friday, September 19 - School Picture Day!!

Tuesday, September 30 - No school - Rosh Hashanah

Enjoy the weekend - I am off to Provincetown to watch my daughter swim in her first charity event - let's hope the weather cooperates!

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