



A Note From 1-B



January 30, 2009

I wish I had the time (and the space) to list all of your child's strengths in the progress report coming home today. Your child has been working hard each day in school, growing as a reader, a writer, a mathematician, a scientist and an explorer. It has truly been my pleasure to observe the tremendous growth that has taken place in the classroom. Please keep in mind that there are two goals of the progress report. The first is to provide you with a snapshot of your child's progress since September. The second is to set obtainable goals for the remainder of the school year. Celebrate the progress. The most important thing about the progress report to your child is that you are proud of all he or she has done this year and that you are excited about the continued progress that will come throughout the remainder of the school year.

A *Parent Comment Form* accompanies your child's report and should be signed and returned to the school. As always, I welcome your questions and look forward to working with your child to maintain strengths and work towards goals for the remainder of the school year. I thoroughly enjoyed looking back at the progress each child has made since September. Reflecting on all they have accomplished left me feeling sincerely impressed with the effort they have put forth and the learners they continue to become. At the same time, goals were set and there is much to be done before June. Enjoy this celebration of the hard work your child puts into each school day

Announcements

- New Guest Reader and Computer Volunteer sign-up sheets have been posted. Please come in and sign up!
- Wednesday, February 11: Family Open School Night, 6:30-8:00. Enjoy the tour, while your child leads you through his or her school day!
- Friday, February 13: Field Trip to the NEA. Please send an easy to eat snack with drink and a bagged lunch.
- Friday, February 13: We will celebrate Valentine's Day on Friday by delivering Valentines to our friends in 1-B! Each child will come home Friday, February 13th with a mailbox full of Valentines to open and read! As you walk the aisles of CVS, please know that children may bring in Valentine cards for everyone in 1-B but may not include edible treats, in line with our wellness program. Please help your child prepare Valentines for his or her classmates. A class list is being sent home with your child today. Again, be sure to include one for every child in the class.
- Monday, February 16 – Friday, February 20: No School
- Thank you Inna Moore, Sarah Faulkerson, Camilla Boyce, and Catharine Todd for your publishing help!

Conversation Starters

- ❖ What is a unit of measurement? What is a kid step? Are all kid steps the same?
- ❖ What other kinds of steps have you been using to measure?
- ❖ How many different kinds of penguins are there? Where do they live?
- ❖ What is it like being an illustrator?
- ❖ What are the days of the week? What is the first day of the week?
- ❖ What do you have to remember when writing the day? (Starts w/ an uppercase)

Have a nice weekend,
Sarah Byrnes