

# A Note From 1-B

March 13, 2009

The Hunnewell Auction, Be True To Your School, is Saturday night. I will be unable to attend the auction this year but wanted to thank you all for your continued support. I feel very lucky to teach in a community in which the parents are so involved and invested in their children's education. I hope you enjoy a fun-filled evening! Thank you.

This week in 1-B was very productive. Children enjoyed a wonderful Art Appreciation lesson by Shelly Ward and Jane Amara, during which they observed and reflected upon various pieces. Thank you Jane and Shelly! Writers selected, edited and published their second Writing Workshop story. A special thanks to Inna Moore and Camilla Boyce for typing up our authors stories today! The children are eager to begin illustrating on Monday! In math, we continue to learn new strategies to solve addition and subtraction equations through math games. The children played Five-In-A-Row with Three Cards today and really enjoyed it! They are also solving story problems in which they are asked to very carefully read and identify what is being asked of them. Readers are meeting in guided reading groups regularly to practice skills, discuss text and learn new reading strategies. Finally, Scientists learned about migration this week.

## Announcements

- If you have not returned the Parent Comment Form included with your child's progress report, please do so as soon as possible.
- Friday, March 27, you're invited to a special Math Morning in 1-B from 8:45 to 9:15.
- Friday, April 10: No School, Good Friday

## Conversation Starters

- ❖ Let's practice tying your shoes!
- ❖ What books did you read in reading groups this week?
- ❖ What does "sum" mean?
- ❖ What different ways could you solve the equation  $8+4=?$ ?
- ❖ What is tricky about the crayon story problems?
- ❖ Did you get a chance to solve some of the challenge crayon puzzles?
- ❖ What is migration?
- ❖ I heard you learned about stoplight words.
  - ✓ What is a red word? (STOP: This word does not sound like it looks. This is a word you just have to know.)
  - ✓ A yellow word? (GO SLOW: There is a rule that will help you read this tricky word (e.g., magic e, double vowel) but you'll need to figure it out!)
  - ✓ A green word? (GO: This word sounds just how it looks, such as c-a-t.)
- ❖ What is alphabetical order? Can you put the names of our family members in alphabetical order?

Enjoy the weekend,  
Sarah Byrnes