



# A Note From 1-B



March 20, 2009

This week illustrators completed their second published narrative writing piece. They will complete one more before April vacation and our Authors' Celebration. Upon returning from April vacation, we will move into writing non-fiction books and poetry! Authors and poets will publish pieces in these genres as well. For those families new to 1-B, our Authors' Celebration gives children the opportunity to share one narrative writing piece with the 1-B community. It is a very special event that the children work very hard preparing for. The date and time of our first Authors' Celebration is listed below. I hope to see you all there!

Personally, spring conferences are my favorite time of the school year. I enjoy sitting down with individual children to discuss their thoughts about books read, hear where their latest writing piece is headed and helping them sort out inconsistencies in their mathematic thinking. I look forward to sitting down with you and celebrating that progress. When we compare writing samples, reading levels and mathematic understanding from September to now, I am always amazed at how much they have learned. The highlight of the process, though, is how proud the children are of themselves. They are noticing each day how much progress they have made. Ask your child this weekend what he or she is most proud of!

## Announcements

- Please RSVP, Regrets Only... Friday, March 27, you're invited to a special Math Morning in 1-B from 8:45 to 9:15. If you are unable to attend Math Morning, please send me an email. I will pair your child up with a buddy to "share a parent" that day.
- Tuesday, April 7: Noon dismissal, Parent Teacher Conferences.
- Friday, April 10: No School, Good Friday
- **Save the Date!** Authors will have an opportunity to share a favorite writing piece at our **Authors' Celebration** on Thursday, April 16 at 8:45. We hope you all are able to attend!
- Monday, April 20 - Friday, April 24: No School, April vacation
- Monday, May 25: No School, Memorial Day

## Conversation Starters

- ❖ Let's practice tying your shoes!
- ❖ What color words do you know how to spell?
- ❖ Can you read me your two color books?
- ❖ What are you working on in Word Study?
- ❖ Do all birds have beaks? Are all beaks the same?
- ❖ Tell about some of the beaks you have learned about and what they are used for.
- ❖ What are some subtraction strategies you have learned?
- ❖ What is DD (Double D) behavior?
- ❖ What can you say to someone who is annoying you but is not using DD behavior?

Have a great weekend,

Sarah Byrnes