



# The Jones Journal

January 25, 2024



Zack counts out ten sets of ten popsicle sticks.

## THE PAST TWO WEEKS...

...we have been reading lots of books by Jan Brett. While reading, we noticed that she sometimes includes smaller pictures to help readers know what is going on in other parts of the story. We also learned that it takes her about two days to illustrate one page and her favorite pet (which she often includes in her books) is a hedgehog!

## FYI

I hope everyone is enjoying the books being sent home in the new Homework Folders! If your child has not received a folder, look for the letter that was sent home to sign and return to school. Please remind your child the first thing they should do in the mornings when they arrive in the classroom is to turn in their Homework Folder (assuming they are done reading the two books.) If their folder is not put in the red bucket in the morning, I typically do not have a chance to change the books until after school. This means they must wait until the next day before receiving another two books. On Thursdays, I will usually place each child's Homework Folder inside their Take Home Folder. You are welcome to return it in their folder as well since I check each one first thing Friday morning.

If your child eats breakfast at school, please make every effort to have them at school in plenty of time to eat **before** the tardy bell rings at 7:50. This will help increase the amount of instructional time I have with the children in the morning.

## NEEDED

We will **not** have a class Valentine's Day 'party' in February; however, if your child would like to address cards for everyone in our class, I have included a list of names (on the back of this newsletter.) Although this is not mandatory, it can be a wonderful authentic writing opportunity for the children. There will be time during that day for the children to deliver any treats and/or cards they have brought. I highly suggest that any cards sent in be folded so the name of who it is addressed to, is on the outside. This ensures the children can easily read the cards while delivering. I have purchased bags for each child to decorate (at school) so there is no need for parents to send in boxes.

Please make sure your child has a warm jacket, hat, mittens, etc. each day, especially since our scheduled recess time is 9:15. I have a few extra coats for those times when students forget.

## PARENT READING

This week I've included a short article about the positive effects of a playground. The article deals with neighborhood playgrounds; however, I think that the information is useful in a school system setting as well. The article is attached to the same email as this newsletter. It can also be found on our classroom's blog ([mrssjonesclass.blogspot.com](http://mrssjonesclass.blogspot.com)) on the right side under *Suggested Parent Readings*.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

February 2 – Journals go home

9 – Dad's League (4:00 @ Mr. Gatti's)

13 – Spring Pictures (class & individual)

16 – Spring Book Fair (to 23<sup>rd</sup>)

## ONE LAST THING

Whenever your child is absent, please send in a handwritten excuse as soon as possible (even if the absence is considered unexcused.) You are welcome to send the note with your child or place it in their Take Home Folder. I will make sure it gets turned into the office.



*I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!!! -S. Jones*

S. Jones' Class  
2023-24

1. Arden
2. Charley
3. Kamryn
4. Princeton
5. Clementine
6. Annabelle
7. Quinn
8. Ella
9. Arlin
10. Newt
11. Mohaundis
12. John Everett
13. Henry
14. Jett
15. Zack
16. Davis
17. Anders