

**New Orleans
Jewish Day
School**

1st Grade News

August 27 2010

We are a community of learners!

Reminders

- Parent's night August 31st from 6:30-8:00
- Swimming begins September 2nd, please send towels, sunscreen, goggles...

In spelling we completed our review of the consonant sounds, and will focus on long and short vowel sounds next week. In two weeks we will begin spelling tests—stay tuned for more information!

The students completed their first story in writer's workshop. Next week we will begin our first annual writer's share. Each child will have to opportunity to sit in the "writer's share chair" and read their story to their classmates. Afterwards, the students will be allowed to ask questions about the author's work, and share kind and respectful feedback.

In math we focused on reviewing mathematical concepts such as matching numbers to quantities, sorting, and identifying and describing the attributes of two-dimensional figures. Next week we will continue reviewing more concepts as we explore patterns and problem solving strategies.

We began guided reading this week, and will continue working on decoding, fluency, and comprehension skills throughout the year.

The students received their handwriting books, and we will continue using them next week. Additionally, we will begin our social studies curriculum.

We began our science unit on balance and motion. Next week we will continue this unit as the students will use a piece of soft wire and clothespins to balance a pencil on its point in a stable position. In addition, the students will be creating mobiles to demonstrate their developing understanding of balance, counterbalance, and stability.

Shabbat Shalom, and have a wonderful weekend!

Guidance

Welcome to another great year at NOJDS!

In order to promote our students' social and emotional development, each grade will meet with me on a weekly basis for "Guidance Time." This time is dedicated to introducing and strengthening the students' pro-social skills. Part of our time together will work to increase self-esteem and self-awareness, as well as to enhance current social skill sets. Students will have an opportunity to improve their communication skills, be exposed to conflict resolution techniques, and be able to identify positive coping strategies. Each activity will be founded in the strengths-based model, which highlights the children's assets and talents.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached by email at jbaudy@nojds.com or via phone at 887-4091. I look forward to working with you to make this a great year at NOJDS!

~Mrs. Baudy



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Hebrew

Shalom parents,

This was a great week in Hebrew lessons!!!The students already know how to check attendance in Hebrew by themselves. The class was introduced to the ARIOT computer software and had a blast :) We're learning the letter shin and next week we will also review bet. Almost every day we're reading and singing songs. This week your kids get a Hebrew reading book - don't worry about checking there reading. I am reading with all of them in class and they are enjoying taking the book home. The books are part of the Ta am curriculum and we also have a lot of new Hebrew books.

I also wanted to remind you that my parent's Hebrew club will start after the holidays and you are all encouraged to join.

Shabbat shalom, Batel



Judaics

The 1st graders worked extremely well in Judaic Studies class this week. Since *Rosh Hashanah* is approaching quickly, we spent a lot of time learning more about the holiday and the different things we do on this holiday. Thank you to Elyon for blowing the *shofar* so beautifully for the entire class!

Next week we will continue working on our "Guide to the Holidays of *Tishrei*" book, which we just started at the end of this week. The 1st graders will be experts on the holiday of *Rosh Hashanah* by next week!

Shabbat Shalom, Ms. Paul