

**New Orleans  
Jewish Day  
School**

# 1st Grade News

**August 19, 2011**

**We are a community of learners!**

## Reminders

- Please send your child with a morning and afternoon snack.
- Please sign your child's planner every night.
- Tuesday, August 31st:  
Open House 6:30 pm

We had a fantastic week in first grade!

The students have transitioned well into the classroom, and are becoming more comfortable with our systems and routines. The first graders enjoy our morning meetings, and are particularly fond of sharing their morning message responses and reading our daily word family rhyme.

This week the first graders took their beginning of the year math assessment, and next week we will officially begin our math curriculum. The students enjoyed the responsibility of taking their first test in first grade at their own desks.

We began our Superkids language arts curriculum this week. There are thirteen Superkids and one Superdog! These new friends will join us in our reading and writing adventures this year!

We spent time focusing on our social curriculum this week, and getting to know one another as a first grade community. We all agree that we want first grade to be a safe, fun, and happy place to learn and grow!

Shabbat Shalom, and have a great weekend,

Ms. Perlman



## Hebrew

Dear parents

It is a great honor for me, to come from Israel and teach the children Hebrew. I am proud to be part of NOJDS family.

This week we learned about *shalom*- the meaning of the word and how we use it.

We also learned to sing the *Shalom kita aleph* song

Shabat Shalom,

Mery Bet Halahmi

## Judaics

We had an excellent first week in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade during Judaic Studies! I was able to learn a lot about the first graders through a game of Bingo and through an *Ani Ohev* (I like) activity. The first graders learned the *bracha* (blessing) *La'asok B'divrei Torah*, and we sing it with a fun tune at the beginning of each class. I am so impressed with how quickly they learned it and how beautifully they have been singing it. We also played a fun review game of all the Jewish holidays with different pictures, and these first graders remembered quite a lot! Next week, the first graders will begin learning the first *midah* (value) from our year-long *midah* unit.

I know it will be a wonderful and exciting year of learning in the first grade!

Shabbat Shalom,

Mrs. Adelman