

**New Orleans  
Jewish Day  
School**

# 1st Grade News

**November 18, 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.
- Nuts & Bolts Food Drive: School goal is to raise 150 cans for 2nd Harvest Food Bank. Concludes Wednesday, November 23rd.

This week in math we made and interpreted tables and bar graphs, explored probability, and described the likelihood of events. Next week we will begin chapter 7. In this chapter, the students will continue to explore place value concepts introduced in chapter 5. The children will work with two-digit numbers to 99, and will begin to explore three-digit numbers. They will continue to develop their understanding through a variety of representations including the number line, coins, and place value models.

In language arts we read *Yuck! Yuck!*, and practiced reading with natural phrasing. We discussed causes and effects from the story and recorded them on a T-chart. Additionally, we practiced understanding and identifying antonyms and conjunctions.

The students completed their Journey Through Thanksgiving journals! They made Venn Diagrams and compared and contrasted between the First Harvest and the modern Thanksgiving holiday. For the final entry in their journals, they wrote about what they are thankful for. We have some very appreciative first graders!

The students' Thankful Trees are finished and displayed outside of the classroom! They will be used as centerpieces for the Thanksgiving feast, and the students may take them home before they leave for the Thanksgiving break.

Next week will be short but fun-filled, as we will explore many Thanksgiving-themed activities!

Shabbat Shalom and have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday,

Ms. Perlman



## Hebrew

Dear Parents,

This week we learned the letter *Gimmel*. We learned the words *gezer*-carrot, *glida*-ice cream, *geshem*-rain, and more. We also practiced writing the letter and reading it with different vowels. This week, we also took a test, which came out much better than the last test- *Kol h'kavod!*

We also learned a new song "*Mitzvah Gadolah Leot B'simcha*." It's talking about how it is a big mitzvah to be happy and, as I told the children, it's important to be happy because it causes other people to want to be near you.

Shabbat Shalom,

Mery Beit Halachmi

## Judaics

The 1<sup>st</sup> graders had a fabulous week of learning during Judaic Studies. The 1<sup>st</sup> graders learned the rest of the Friday night Shabbat Kiddush and worked on another page for their Shabbat guidebooks. I am really impressed with the wonderful and careful work the 1<sup>st</sup> graders have been showing with this project. The 1<sup>st</sup> graders also continued learning more about the morning *tefillah*, *Modeh Ani*, and practiced writing the words for this *tefillah*. Next week, the 1<sup>st</sup> graders will begin learning about the next Shabbat *bracha* (prayer) – the *bracha* for washing your hands.

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Mrs. Adelman