

**New Orleans
Jewish Day
School**

1st Grade News

October 28, 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.

This week in math we began exploring place value and two-digit numbers. The students learned to see numbers to 50 as groups of tens and some ones. They developed an understanding of two-digit numbers through a variety of representations including, counting large collections of objects, working with dimes and pennies, and telling time. Next week we will practice modeling two-digit numbers in different ways and we will begin learning about data and probability.

In language arts we practiced reading pattern poems, received new spelling words, and identified and decoded words with *er* and *ed*. Next week we will read *In a Pickle*, write about a problem and a solution, and understand and form words with prefix *un-*.

We began our science unit on balance and motion. We learned that objects can be balanced in many ways, counterweights can help balance an object, and the way an object balances can be changed by counterweighting. We also learned that a stable position is one that is steady, and the place on which an object balances is called the balance point. Next week we will learn that counterweights should be placed low or below on an object in relation to the balance point. We will also learn that the position of an object can be described by relating its location to another object.

We started our Thanksgiving unit! This week we created a KWL chart about Thanksgiving, learned about and acted out the first harvest, and began our Journey Through Thanksgiving journals. Next week we will learn about how Thanksgiving came to be an American holiday, and talk about modern Thanksgiving celebrations.

Shabbat Shalom and have a great weekend,

Ms. Perlman



Hebrew

Dear parents,

This week we learned the letter *bet*, and we practiced pronouncing it with and without vowels.

We also learned about words that begin with the letter *bet*. As always, we talked about the days of the week and about the weather.

This week we also started to learn a famous Jewish song !

Shabbat Shalom,

Hamorah Mery

Food Safety at NOJDS

Recently there has been a lot of discussion amongst physicians and food safety experts about the temperature of food in lunches packed at home. Recent research consistently demonstrates that perishable foods kept in packed lunches are typically kept at unsafe temperatures for too long. This is even true for lunches packed in insulated bags with ice packs.

The new research suggests that lunches be placed in refrigerators at school to avoid perishable foods spending too much time in the high temperature danger zone.

Beginning Monday, our new system at NOJDS will be as follows:

- Please pack snacks in a separate bag from your child's lunch.
- Upon arrival at school, students will place their lunches in a basket by their classroom. Insulated bags will be unzipped slightly to allow for cold air to circulate around the food.
- The lunches will be placed in the fridge and the students will get their lunches back right before lunchtime.
- Please put your child's name on their lunch box.

*We would like to thank Dr. Carmen Villavasso for her help with the research.

Judaics

It was a great week of learning with the 1ST grade during Judaic Studies. The 1ST graders began learning *Parashat HaShavua* (the Torah portion of the week). Since last week was a short week, we spent the beginning of the week learning about last week's *parasha* (the creation story) and this week's *parasha* (Noah and the flood). The 1ST graders enjoyed making their creation story flip books, and coloring animals for our class ark. Next week, we will be beginning a Shabbat unit in the 1ST grade, and the students will learn more about the different *brachot* (blessings) and traditions of Shabbat. I look forward to another fun week of learning with the 1ST graders!

Shabbat Shalom,

Mrs. Adelman