

**New Orleans
Jewish Day
School**

1st Grade News

September 16, 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.
- Swim dates:

Monday, Sept. 19th

Thursday, Sept. 22nd

This week in math we focused on telling time, developing an understanding of ordinal numbers, and using ordinal numbers to read a calendar. Next week we will practice counting sets of objects by fives, twos, and threes. We will find the values of collections of pennies and nickels, and explore making amounts in different ways.

We began the first unit in our Superkids curriculum, and received the first set of spelling words. The first graders used their Super Secret Readers to find hidden words and pictures, read *A Patch in a Pinch*, and learned about pronouns and possessive pronouns. Next week we will continue using pronouns, and will focus on using correct capitalization and end punctuation in sentences. We will read *Ettabetta's Radish Patch* and *The Patch-it-up Shop*.

We had our first writing workshop this week! The students learned how to choose a topic, sketch it, and then write about it. Next week the students will learn how writers can keep working by adding more to their pictures and words, or by starting a new piece.

We had our first lesson on the Jewish value of loving and honoring one another today. We focused on the circular nature of love and honor, and talked about how the more we love and honor, the more love and honor is increased in the world. We played a game in which a gesture traveled around our circle. The students passed along a gentle and friendly hand squeeze, compliments, tipping a hat, and a curtsy or a bow. Next week we will continue exploring this value through an art activity.



Shabbat Shalom and have a great weekend,

Ms. Perlman

Hebrew

Dear parents,

This week we heard the story “Sharona Bakita”? about who is in the virtual class. We also continued to learn about the letter *aleph* and the words that begin with *aleph*. We welcomed our new students Yehuda and Opal-Sharona with the Shalom Song.

Shabbat Shalom,

Mery beit halahmi

Judaics

It was a great week with the 1st graders in Judaic Studies as they learned about *Derech Eretz* and began learning about Rosh Hashanah. At the beginning of the week, the 1st graders learned about the *midah* (value) of *Derech Eretz* (acting with consideration and kindness to each other and to the world). The 1st graders came up with a lot of great examples of *Derech Eretz*. The 1st graders also got their Rosh Hashanah books, and have been enjoying learning about the *shofar*, listening and singing along to Rosh Hashanah songs, and doing Rosh Hashanah art activities. It was an exciting week in the 1st grade, and look forward to more learning and excitement next week with the 1st graders!

Shabbat Shalom,

Mrs. Adelman