

**New Orleans
Jewish Day
School**

1st Grade News

September 23, 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 practiced counting sets of objects by fives, twos, and threes. We found the values of collections of pennies and nickels, and explored making amounts in different ways. Next week we will be introduced to the Cross Number Puzzle. We will practice sorting objects by attributes, recording information in a table, and combining small groups of objects. We will also explore using addition to combine groups of objects, record addition in horizontal and vertical formats, complete Cross Number Puzzles, solve missing addend problems, and write addition sentences.

In language arts we continued using pronouns, learned about synonyms, took the first spelling test, and read *Ettabetta's Radish Patch*. Next week we will read *The Patch-it-up Shop*, and prepare to begin the second unit. The students will receive new pattern and memory words. We will explore question words and question marks, and we will read *What Can You Get with a Nickel?*

In writing workshop we learned that writers can keep working by adding more to their pictures and words, or by starting a new piece. Next week the students will be introduced to a system that encourages them to work on writing pieces for a sequence of days. We will explore the saying, "When you are done, you've just begun!" They will learn how to add more thoughts and details to their stories, and will create a system for differentiating finished work from ongoing work in their writing folders.

Shabbat Shalom and have a great weekend,

Ms. Perlman



Hebrew

Shalom Parents,

This week we learned the letter *shin*. We learned how to read the letter *shin* with and without the vowel, and we practiced writing the letter.

We also learned different words beginning with *shin*, and we met the students from the virtual class whose names begin with *shin*.

We also learned the *Shanah Tovah* song, and practiced the movements that go along with it.

Shabbat Shalom,

Mery Beit Halahmi



Fun with chess on Cooperative Learning Day!

Judaics

It was a fun week of Rosh Hashanah learning in the 1st grade during Judaic Studies. The 1st graders have been learning greetings for Rosh Hashanah, listening to Rosh Hashanah stories, and learning about the different items (both food and non-food) that can be found on the Rosh Hashanah table. The 1st graders also learned the name of the different sounds of the *shofar* and actually listened to those different sounds in class. The 1st graders are working on a guide book to the different *brachot* (blessings) and greetings we say on Rosh Hashanah. It will be all Rosh Hashanah in the 1st grade next week since Rosh Hashanah begins on Wednesday night!

Shanah Tovah – Wishing you and your family a happy and healthy new year.

Mrs. Adelman