

**New Orleans
Jewish Day
School**

1st Grade News

September 9, 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. 12th

Thursday, Sept. 15th

Monday, Sept. 19th

Thursday, Sept. 22nd



Reading is fun!

This week in math we practiced jumping and recording jumps on the number line, and explored addition and subtraction as inverse operations. We used a number line to compare numbers and began using the symbols $>$, $<$, and $=$. We compared numbers and quantities and recorded comparison questions and answers in a table. Next week we will practice sequencing events, and comparing and ordering events according to duration. We will also focus on telling time, developing an understanding of ordinal numbers, and using ordinal numbers to read a calendar.

We have now been introduced to all of the Superkids, and have almost finished our *Welcome Back Superkids!* workbook. Next week the students will begin the first unit in our Superkids curriculum, and their spelling words will be distributed shortly.

We practiced identifying fragments and sentences, and learned about the naming part of a sentence. Next week we will focus on the action part of sentences, and will practice identifying telling sentences, questions, and question words.

We completed our social studies unit on getting along in school. The students learned about their responsibilities as classmates, and explored ways to get along when conflicts arise. Next week we will begin our unit on schools. We will explore the importance of rules, learn about how various members of the staff contribute to our school community, and think about how the students can make valuable contributions to the school by helping others, respecting school property, being positive, and solving problems.

Shabbat Shalom and have a great weekend,

Ms. Perlman

Hebrew

Dear Parents,

This week we continued to learn about the letter *aleph* and how to read it with and without vowels. We learned new *aleph* words, and we sang the Shalom Song using our names.

We also learned a song about our love for G-d.

Shabat shalom,

Mery beit halahmi

Judaics

We had a great week of learning in the 1st grade during Judaic Studies. This week, the 1st graders learned about *Gemilut Hasadim* (acts of loving kindness). We discussed the importance of both *Gemilut Hasadim* and giving *Tzedakah*, and how they are both a little different from each other. Like one of the 1st graders put it perfectly, *Gemilut Hasadim* is “doing the hard work yourself”. Next week the 1st graders will learn about the *Tefillah* (prayer) “*Modeh Ani*”, and think about what they are thankful for every morning when they sing that *Tefillah*. Next week, the 1st graders will also be learning about Rosh Hashanah – Rosh Hashanah is just around the corner!

Shabbat Shalom,

Mrs. Adelman