

4th and 5th Grade News

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Announcements:

- * Parents' Night– Open House begins Tuesday, August 31st at 6:30 pm.
- * Explorer Notebook projects will be handed out and explained next week.
- * Mrs. Curry's class needs Kleenex and paper towels. If you could send some in with your student it would be GREATLY appreciated!
- * Please continue to follow your student's blog!
- * Congratulations to NOJDS new student council members!

The 4th and 5th grade had another exciting week at school!

The 4th and 5th graders participated in student council elections this week. Many students from the class ran for office and prepared and gave speeches. Students also participated by making signs and campaigned throughout the week. All were able to participate in the vote. Congratulations to our new student council members!

In math the 4th and 5th grade worked on magic squares and cross number puzzles. Both groups created their own puzzles and reflected on the challenges of using inverse operations and writing math problems themselves.

We continue to read and enjoy the novel Tuck Everlasting. In the story, the main characters drink from the fountain of youth. In class this week, we decided that one of the benefits of being immortal would be the ability to travel the world. Students thought about where they would go if they could travel anywhere in the world, and posted their answers on their blogs.

Next week we will begin a major project in social studies. I will be sending information home regarding the project so please be on the lookout.

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend.

Shabbat Shalom,

Mrs. Curry

A Note From Mrs. Baudy

Welcome to another great year at NOJDS!

In order to promote our students' social and emotional development, each grade will meet with me on a weekly basis for "Guidance Time." This time is dedicated to introducing and strengthening the students' pro-social skills. Part of our time together will work to increase self-esteem and self-awareness, as well as to enhance current social skill sets. Students will have an opportunity to improve their communication skills, be exposed to conflict resolution techniques, and be able to identify positive coping strategies. Each activity will be founded in the strengths-based model, which highlights the children's assets and talents.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached by email at jbaudy@nojds.com or via phone at 887-4091.

I look forward to working with you to make this a great year at NOJDS!

~Mrs. Baudy

Hebrew and Judaic Studies

The 4th and 5th graders worked very hard in Judaic Studies this week and both classes covered a lot of material! The 5th graders learned about leadership in the Torah, as they began to look at *Sefer Yehoshua* (the Book of Joshua), which they will be learning from all year. The 4th graders reviewed parts from *Breishit* (the Book of Genesis) in order to better understand where the story of *Shemot* (the Book of Exodus) begins. With *Rosh Hashanah* approaching quickly,

we will spend a lot of our time next week learning more about the traditions of this holiday.

Shabbat Shalom.

Ms. Paul

Shalom Parents,

This week we got new Hebrew books in school which means that we have many new and exciting things to read.

We continued our reading circles and read about Daniel, a character in our

workbook, and compared his life in both Alaska and Tel Aviv. We also spoke in Hebrew about what his life would be like if he was living in New Orleans.

We started to read the Hebrew version of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid - the kids really like it. Next week we will continue to explore the new books and we might start to borrow Hebrew books for home.

Shabbat Shalom,

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