



# Fourth and Fifth Grade News

We had a busy week adjusting to the schedule and settling in. The students received their lap PCs this week which was very exciting. I am happy to say that they used them every day!

In reading, we continued to meet in reading conferences and discussed how to read "fast, strong, and long." We discussed techniques that help us become better readers and examined each student's reading log to see how reading was going. At the end of the week we started to read aloud the story Stone Fox and talked about how we can awaken ourselves to text. Each student was encouraged to "read themselves awake," envisioning the story unfolding before them

rather than reading on autopilot. Each student has an independent novel that they should be reading each night. Please encourage your child's reading. Maybe even spend some time reading with them one night!

In math, both groups started chapter one in Think Math! The fourth grade is learning about Magic Squares. In this chapter, students will deepen their understanding of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They also will be introduced to the commutative and distributive properties of addition and multiplication. The fifth grade's chapter is titled "Algebra: Machines and Puzzles." Through this chapter, students will practice multi-digit addition, subtraction,

multiplication and division as they solve puzzles and figure out rules for input-output tables.

In science, we continued to learn about butterflies and migration with Journey North. Students exhibited their understanding of distinguishing monarchs from other butterflies by drawing their own butterflies. We also started the science module titled Water Planet. The students were introduced to early astronomers and their theories, and also learned facts about the solar system.

Please note that parents' night is next Tuesday at 6:30. I look forward to seeing you then.

Shabbat Shalom, Mrs. Curry

## IMPORTANT DATES

### AUGUST 30th:

Lunch forms due!

6:30 PM PARENTS' NIGHT  
OPEN HOUSE

### SEPTEMBER 5th:

NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY

### SEPTEMBER 25th:

NOJDS FALL GALA

### SEPTEMBER 28th:

EARLY DISMISSAL 1:00  
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### SEPTEMBER 29th and

## Journey North



Follow the Monarchs!

[www.learner.org/jnorth](http://www.learner.org/jnorth)

## Judaic Studies

The 4th and 5th graders had a great week of learning in Judaic Studies. The theme of this week in both classes was "finding your way through the Tanach". Each day this week, the 4th and 5th graders learned about and worked on different techniques that will help guide them through the Tanach (the Jewish Bible). They are all now Gematria masters (ask them to tell you about Gematria), and they are all becoming naturals with Tanach "lingo". They were sent on a

"Tanach Scavenger Hunt" and they all did a great job! Next week, the 4th graders will begin to use their Sefarim for Shemot (Book of Exodus) and begin an Israel unit, which will be a year-long unit. The 5th graders will begin to use their Sefarim for Yehoshua (Book of Joshua) and begin learning Pirkei Avot (Ethics of our Fathers), which will be a year-long unit.

Shabbat Shalom,  
Mrs. Adelman

This week we continued to learn about the trip and also we learned new verbs and used them in our conversations and in the work books and work sheets. We also learned a new song- "Al tira a Israel" that tells about trusting god to do the best for us because we are his children- the reason that we learned this song was the difficult times Israel going through right now.

Shabbat Shalom,  
Mery Beit Halahmi