



Fourth and Fifth Grade News

Heading to Houston!

The fourth and fifth graders received some exciting news this week. They are heading to Houston in May! We are very excited for our first NOJDS 4th and 5th grade school trip. On the trip, we will go on a swamp tour, visit NASA, the Galleria for ice skating, and the Houston Museum of Natural Science. More information will be sent home with your student in the upcoming weeks.

Both the fourth and fifth grades will finish their first chapters in math next week. The fourth grade will have their first test on Thursday and the fifth grade on Friday. Help your student study by practicing a few problems with them before the test.

We continue to read "fast,

strong, and long." I've noticed much improvement in each student's reading and am pleased to watch them all read with such vigor during their independent reading time. We continue to read from Stone Fox and have been practicing reading ourselves awake. Next week we will begin our first group novel From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler.

The students enjoyed classifying planets and working in groups this week in science. Using planet cards, they classified the planets by diameter, orbit period, temperature and composition. They finished the week by reading about the solar system in their science text. Next week we will learn

about gravity by observing the circular orbit of a ball. It should be fun!

Students used their tablets this week in grammar to work on OneNote. Using this computer program they created a tutorial for one another about subjects and predicates. They were able to share their projects with one another and enjoyed making their slides together. As the year progresses we will add voice to the text and will share the projects with you.

Thanks to those of you who were able to make it to parents' night. It was great to see you!

Shabbat Shalom, Mrs. Curry

Judaic Studies

We had a great week of learning in the 4th and 5th grade during Judaic Studies. The 4th graders are off to a great start learning Sefer Bereishit (The Book of Genesis). The 4th graders also began a year-long Israel unit. The first project the 4th graders will be doing is making a big map of Israel for our classroom. In order to do this, they are each doing research about the geography of Israel. The 5th graders began learning Sefer Yehoshua, by learning some background

information about Yehoshua (Joshua). The 5th graders also began learning Pirkei Avot, which I know will be an exciting year-long unit for them. Next week, the 4th graders will continue into the text of Sefer Shemot and their Israel projects, and the 5th graders will learn about the theme of "leadership" we are going to follow through Sefer Yehoshua. Looking forward to another wonderful week with the 4th and 5th graders!

Shabbat Shalom and have a fabulous long weekend!

Mrs. Adelman

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 5th:
NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY

SEPTEMBER 25th:
NOJDS FALL GALA

SEPTEMBER 28th:
EARLY DISMISSAL 1:00
EREV OF ROSH HASHANA

SEPTEMBER 29th and 30th:
NO SCHOOL ROSH HANAH

Blast Off!

