



Fourth and Fifth Grade News

News! News! News!

The fourth and fifth grade students mastered the map of South America this week. We practiced making mnemonic devices to help study for their test. The students came up with a catchy phrase to help them remember the countries of Peru, Ecuador, Columbia, Venezuela, Guiana, Suriname and French Guiana. They also were introduced to the Mayan, Incan, and Aztec empires. Both classes learned about the different traditions and ideals of the Maya and Inca. The students were impressed by their knowledge in mathematics and astronomy. Some students even expressed that they would have liked to live during this time period. Although the students admired the art and buildings of both empires, they

did not agree with the Mayan ideas of beauty. Many were in disbelief that people would actually think it beautiful to flatten foreheads, cross eyes, and paint themselves from head toe. In math, the fourth grade was introduced to angles this week. They learned the three ways to name angles, and the different types of angles. The fifth grade focused on fractions this week. Following the theme of mnemonic devices, they learned Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally. Using input-output tables the students learned about order of operations as well as how to form equivalent fractions. In English, both classes continued to learn about verbs. The

focus this week was on tenses and their correct spellings. Both groups did well learning the spelling rules that accompany the different verb tenses. The fourth grade started to read Holes and the fifth grade Maniac Magee this week. Both novels are adventurous works of fiction filled with lots of humor. The fourth grade focus this week was on setting, while the fifth graders learned about figurative speech through similes, metaphors and hyperboles. Both classes will have weekly vocabulary and comprehension quizzes in the upcoming weeks. Have a wonderful weekend! Shabbat Shalom, Mrs. Curry

IMPORTANT DATES

November 7th:
Blessing of a B- Book Club! 6:30pm

November 16th:
Family Math Night 6:00pm

November 23rd:
Thanksgiving Feast
Early Dismissal at 1:00 RSVP by November 15th!

November 28th:
Book Fair Week

Whooping Cranes:

Weather in Illinois was less than stellar this week, but the cranes were able to make two 55 mile flights taking them to Livingston, Illinois. Don't forget to check their status this weekend. Other exciting news: the DAR cranes have started their migration, and #2 was found!



Judaic Studies

Dear Parents,
This week we learned about "neot kdumim" the place that the children from our program went for their trip. The children saw olive trees and tried to make olive oil themselves. We also talked about what the children saw on the trip: the animals and the activities. We are learning new song- maaminim bnei maaminim- very

happy Jewish song. Shabbat Shalom, Mery beit Halahmi
This week the 4th and 5th graders were given a research assignment, which they have 2-weeks to complete at home. The students will be researching (by asking family members) the significance and meaning of their full name (first, middle, last, Hebrew). There are several guidelines that the students have, which they will

follow to complete the assignment. In preparation for this assignment, we read a few short stories in class about the meaning of names (Hebrew and English) and discussed the importance of knowing the history and meaning of your own name. I hope the students enjoy this project and I look forward to learning about their names!
Shabbat Shalom,
Mrs. Adelman

Have a wonderful weekend.
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Mrs. Curry