



Fourth and Fifth Grade News

Cooperative Learning

On Wednesday the entire school enjoyed an afternoon of cooperative learning. Students were able to make dessert, play games like Jeopardy, make jewelry, and even conduct science experiments. It was great watching the younger and older students participate and learn in activities together.

The fourth grade completed their chapter on multiplication this week. They will take their chapter two test on Tuesday of next week. They will begin a chapter titled "The Eraser Store" after Rosh Hashanah. They will practice addition and subtraction by combining and reducing numbers. They will also practice rounding and estimating strategies. The

fifth grade completed a series of lessons this week focusing on using patterns of square number differences. They used this strategy to help them find products related to square numbers. The lessons were challenging and we will review the concepts and patterns learned again next week.

This week in science, we conducted a demonstration that taught the students about evaporation and water vapor. They learned that if water is enclosed it will not evaporate as quickly as if it is exposed. Next week the students will conduct their own experiments and observe evaporation in different locations throughout the school. They will see the difference between fast-

evaporation locations and slow-evaporation locations.

This week the students had their first vocabulary quiz. The words were pulled from the novel that we're reading as a class. The students did a great job of finding these vocabulary words in other texts throughout the week and were excited to show off the words when they found them. The students will not have a vocabulary quiz next week because it's an abbreviated week.

The students have rewritten four of the six badges that they can earn this year. Ask them about what they learned and how they will work to earn these badges this year.

Shabbat Shalom, Mrs. Curry

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 26th:

Swimming for PE! Don't forget your suit and towel!

SEPTEMBER 25th:

NOJDS FALL GALA

SEPTEMBER 28th:

EARLY DISMISSAL 1:00
EREV OF ROSH HASHANAH

SEPTEMBER 29th and 30th:

NO SCHOOL ROSH HANAH

Judaic Studies

The 4th and 5th graders had a very special visitor at the beginning of the week in Judaic Studies class. Beth Huppin, a recipient of last year's Covenant Foundation award, visited the 4th and 5th graders at NOJDS and did a wonderful lesson with them. Beth is a Judaic Studies teacher from Seattle, and is on a Sabbatical year with her husband. Beth spoke with the kids about acts of tzedakah (charity) and giving, and discussed with them the idea of busha (embarrassment) and kavod (dignity) when in a situation of giving tzedakah. Beth was so impressed with the student's

responses and the discussion she had with them. The 4th and 5th graders were very lucky to have had a visit from Beth. Next week, the 4th and 5th graders will continue in their learning of Rosh Hashanah.

Shanah Tovah - Wishing you and your family a happy and healthy new year.

Mrs. Adelman

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