



Fourth and Fifth Grade News

News! News! News!

This week the 2nd-5th grade took a field trip to see the musical "The Fiddler on the Roof." It was a great performance and most of the children enjoyed the acting, dancing, and songs. Upon our return from the musical we discussed traditions and how they sometimes change over time. The students shared traditions that they would like to keep, and others that are less appealing to them.

We started our first social studies unit this week. Paralleling our science unit on weather and climate, we studied climate regions and learned about the climate regions of South America in specific. The students completed their first social studies assignment and

researched an animal native to South America. They picked a diverse group of animals indigenous to many different climate regions of the continent. They worked on map skills as well and are learning the countries of South America. They will be quizzed on the map of South America next week.

Both math classes are finishing up their chapters this week. They will take their chapter tests next Tuesday. The fourth grade's focus has been on place value, multiplication and single-digit division. The fifth grade's focus has been on factoring, prime and composite numbers, and divisibility.

The fourth grade will begin a chapter on geometry and the

fifth on fractions next week.

The students will begin their second personal narrative next week. They will focus on telling a story about something adventurous that they have done.

They will continue to work on the writing process with an emphasis on writing descriptive, complex sentences.

The students finished From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler this week and took their final book test. I think that all of the students enjoyed the novel and seemed to have a great understanding of the themes presented in the novel. We will begin new novels next week.

Have a wonderful weekend. Shabbat Shalom, Mrs. Curry

IMPORTANT DATES

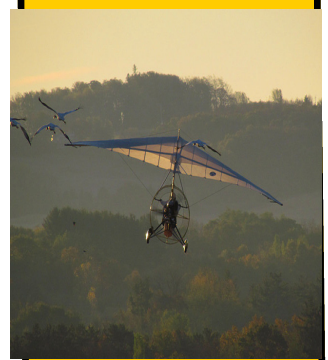
November 2nd: No School Parent Teacher Conferences

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

Whooping Cranes:
Ask your student for an update on the Whoopers! What a week!



Dear Parents,

This week we learned about the trip itself from the program "chaverim beivrit". The children from the program went to a place called neot kdumim. We started talking about the activities that the place offers. As always we talked about the days of the week and about the weather and about what's happening now in Israel. We also saw on the map of Israel all the places that we are talking about.

The children have a spelling test on Thursday.

Shabat shalom

Judaic Studies

The 4th and 5th graders had a great week of learning in Judaic Studies. The 4th and 5th graders are learning about Rashi and how he helps us better understand the text of the Torah. The 4th graders have been looking at Rashi commentary in Sefer Shemot and the 5th graders have been looking at Rashi commentary in Sefer Yehoshua. The students had some fun looking at different pasukim (verses) on their own and doing exactly what Rashi does. The 4th graders have begun making their big Israel map for the classroom. For Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers) learning, the 5th grad-

ers have been learning about what it means to have a "crown of a good name" and shared different stories they read from the Torah about certain characters who have a "crown of a good name". Next week the 5th graders will make their own crown for their own "good name". I look forward to another great week of learning with the 4th and 5th graders.

Shabbat Shalom, Mrs. Adelman