



# Fourth and Fifth Grade News

## News! News! News!

This week the fourth and fifth graders were busy at work! They completed their first five paragraph essays and did a wonderful job of improving their writing by adding detail and description in their work. In math, the fourth grade explored polygons. The students learned how to classify quadrilaterals and worked to understand the similarities and differences of rectangles, squares, and rhombuses. They finished the week playing polygon bingo.

The fifth grade continued learning about fractions this week. They compared fractions using different strategies: number lines, cross multiplication, and by finding common denominators. The fifth grade

reinforced what they learned throughout the week by playing a game of fraction War! It was great fun watching them compete while comparing fractions. In reading, both classes continue to enjoy their novels. The fourth grade learned about flashback in Holes this week. They illustrated the concept through an art project. Each student drew a picture showing an episode of flashback that they read about this week in their novel. The fifth grade learned about segregation during the 60's in Maniac Magee. They also learned slang from that time period. The students learned that "bad" means cool in some contexts. We had a good laugh about the phrase, "I'm bad."

We continue to study the Maya, Inca, and Aztec in social studies. The students will be assigned their first social studies project next week. Please be on the lookout for the requirements handout that will go home with them the first of the week. Most of the project will be done in school. However, some pieces will need to be completed at home. Please work with your student to chunk the assignment so they are not scrambling to complete the project at the last minute.

Have a wonderful weekend.  
Shabbat Shalom,  
Mrs. Curry

### IMPORTANT DATES:

**FOOD DRIVE!** Bring canned goods to school. The drive lasts until November 23rd. Please help people in need this holiday season.

**Thanksgiving art contest!** Art work is due November 18th.

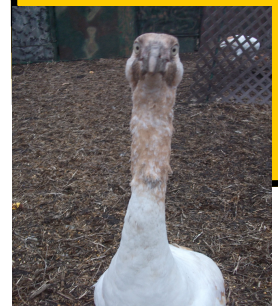
**November 16th: Family Math Night 6:00pm**

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

**November 28th: Book Fair Week**

### Whooping Cranes:

More bad weather in Illinois this week. The cranes were stuck in their pen all week! This made for some cranky birds! Poor #1-11. Crane #2-11 was spotted again with the Sandhill Cranes. Although she adopted them as family, they're not too sure about her. Hopefully we'll continue to learn more about her in the upcoming weeks!



## Judaic Studies

Dear Parents,  
This week we learned about the animals that the children from "chaverim beivrit" met in their trip to "neot kdumim". We talked about our favorite animal.  
We learned to write full sentences about what we can do in different objects and we reviewed some verbs that we learned.  
We even had a chance to review the song: "maaminim bnei

maaminim."  
Shabbat Shalom,  
Mery beit Halahmi

It was a fabulous week of learning with the 4th and 5th graders during Judaic Studies. The 5th graders are imagining that they are living during the time of Yehoshua (Joshua) and are preparing for a debate they will have next week on whether Yehoshua is doing a good job so far as a leader, and if he should continue to be the leader.

The 4th graders have completed their BIG map of Israel that will be hung in our classroom, and I am so proud of how well they worked together to complete this map. Next week the 4th and 5th graders will be continuing in their Havdalah (closing service of Shabbat) unit that they began this week. I look forward to another wonderful week of learning with the 4th and 5th graders.  
Shabbat Shalom,  
Mrs. Adelman

