



Fourth and Fifth Grade News

News! News! News!

This week the students immersed themselves in Ancient Maya, Inca, and Aztec history. They started their social studies project and have been working hard in class. The students researched the food and farming methods of their empire and wrote a brief history of the empire that they are studying.

In English, the students finished their unit on verbs. The next unit focuses on adjectives. The students will start the unit by making candy adjective posters and creating adjective poetry.

Both classes finished their math units this week. Chapter tests are next Tuesday. The fourth grade will study area and perimeter, and the fifth

grade will focus on multi-digit multiplication. In reading, the fourth graders completed a Webquest on Yellow Spotted Lizards this week. They learned that these lizards are not poisonous despite what is said about them in Holes. The fifth graders learned about imagery in writing and were able to find examples in their novels. We had thoughtful conversations about how the author, Jerry Spinelli, captured their senses through his words. The students also listened to a story called Thank You Sarah this week. The fifth grade read the story last year, but liked hearing it again. The story is about Sarah Hale, "The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving." The children

learned that we can all be superheroes by fighting for important causes that we believe in. They also learned to "never underestimate dainty little ladies."

During recess this week the students had the opportunity to learn about the Indian tradition of Rangoli. The students learned about Rangoli and then were able to create their own designs using colored rice. They collaboratively worked on a peacock as a school, and then came up with some of their own designs. The finished products are beautiful! Our Thanksgiving feast is next Wednesday! I hope to see many of you there. 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.

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

November 28th: Book Fair Week



Rangoli

Judaic Studies

Dear Parents,
This week we learned about life in the past. We learned a lot of words like desert, herd of sheep, sheep, goat, spring, and more. We also took a test with the words from vocabulary that we learned in class. We also learned a new song "mitzvah gadolah leot bsimcha." It's talking about how it is a big mitzvah to be happy and, as I told the children, it's important to be happy because it causes other people to want to be near you.

Shabbat Shalom- Mery Beit Halachmi

The 4th and 5th graders had a great week in Judaic Studies. The 4th graders took the role of "teacher" this week, and read through perek gimmel (chapter 3) of Sefer Shemot (The Book of Exodus) and wrote down questions that they would ask about the chapter. After writing their questions, they switched sheets and answered another student's questions. They all showed great focus and effort

throughout this assignment. The 5th graders all prepared beautifully for the debate we had in class of whether Yehoshua (Joshua) was doing a good job so far of being a leader. I was extremely impressed with how well they were able to articulate their thoughts and ask each other challenging questions during the debate.

Shabbat Shalom and have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.



Mrs. Adelman