

**New Orleans  
Jewish Day  
School**

# 2nd & 3rd Grade News

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## Coming Up

We've had an incredible week filled with fun, learning, and friends. Our community building has just begun, but it's amazing to see how everyone is already coming together.

A significant part of our year will include learning from each other—a concept we've begun exploring through a text from Pirkei Avot "Eizehu chacham? Halomed mikol adam. Who is wise? He who learns from every person." This guiding text will help us understand what it means to be both an individual and a part of a community. Our community puzzle pieces gave us another way to look at the question as we discussed what we can teach others. Be sure to check it out!

This week we began our science (3rd grade) and social studies (2nd grade) units, completed reading and math assessments, introduced writing workshop, handwriting, our class website/blog and began independent reading and conferences!

Next week we'll dig into our first math units, English, spelling, and our literature circles.

Homework will also begin next week. Each night students will bring home

their planners for your review and signature once homework is complete.

To help students settle into a new year of homework (and homework routines), we will be discussing tips & strategies in class. One important tip is to develop a routine and a specific place for homework to be completed. This consistency helps alleviate some of the pressure and anxiety, and helps set a routine. Students will also be bringing home a special homework kit. This kit will include all the basic supplies needed & a folder with paper to get them started! These are to be kept at home until the end of the year.

Writing workshop has begun! Next week students will continue work on a personal narrative in preparation for "publishing"! Stay tuned for more details.

Remember to check our class website for daily posts & please leave comments!

([Http://www.asalomon.com](http://www.asalomon.com))



*Getting ready for Tefillah on the first day of school!*

### Reminders:

- **Open House 8/31**
- Please send a kippah for boys (optional for girls)
- Please send a healthy snack & water bottle every day
- Check out the class website for daily blog posts & calendar updates  
[www.asalomon.com](http://www.asalomon.com)
- Please send **DAIRY ONLY** lunches next week. On August 30<sup>th</sup> we will return to our regular lunch arrangements.

# Guidance

Dear Families,

Next week is manners week! We will be working on developing manners and polite eating behavior in the lunchroom. To help the process, our students and teachers will all be assigned to – and will eat at - round tables for the week.

**Please send DAIRY ONLY lunches** so that the groups will be able to stay together all week.

On August 30<sup>th</sup> we will return to our regular lunch arrangements.

Thanks!!

## Hebrew

### 2nd grade:

Shalom!

The first week of school was great. We have begun learning how to introduce ourselves and reviewed our Ariot reading books from last year. We are working on an awesome project where each student will write their own first Hebrew book.

Next week we will begin our second grade Tal Am workbooks!

### 3rd grade:

Shalom!

In third grade Hebrew we reviewed our reading and comprehension skills, as well as our conversational skills.

We began our weekly literature circles with a book on health—specifically foods that are healthy!

Next week we will continue our literature circles with this book and also begin reading our brand new HEBREW BOOKS!!

## Judaics

### 2nd grade:

It has been a fantastic first week in Judaics!

We played a fun game of “Get-To-Know-You BINGO”, discussed the importance of a classroom *kehillah* (community) and came up with a list of behaviors that are appropriate for our *kehillah*. We began the Tal Am High Holidays workbook and learned about the *shofar* and listened to the different types of sounds the *shofar* makes. Thank you to Elisha for bringing in his *shofar* and blowing the *shofar* for the class!

I am looking forward to a fun and exciting year with the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.

Shabbat Shalom,

Ms. Paul

### 3rd grade:

Shalom! The first week of school was wonderful.

We previewed the Jewish year including calendar and holidays. We completed our first art project - creating symbols for each Jewish month. We are learning about the origins of Shabbat in the Torah.

Next week we will start learning Torah and continue learning about Rosh Hashanah!

Shabbat Shalom,

HaMorah Batel