New Orleans Jewish Day School

2nd & 3rd Grade News

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Coming Up

If you've been following our blog you know some of the great things we've been up to. The students (and I) really appreciate your comments and interaction on the website. It's very exciting!

In math both groups have been working with number lines. While that seems pretty basic, our work has been very complex! Next week we will continue our number line work with even more complex operations. These skills require algebraic thinking and logic and help develop a solid understanding of the concepts behind common mathematical operations. Third grade will have their very first math test next Friday!

Writing workshop is a very important part of our classroom. Students are focusing on seeing the world with "writer's eyes". This means they're looking at things around them—including interactions with others—and taking note (literally and figuratively) to help generate writing ideas. During writing workshop we are working on personal narratives right now. Students are constantly writing—whether it's expanding one story or starting another, their notebooks are getting good use! Next week we will share a few of our story "starts" as we call them. From there we will pick one to fix up and make our "very best" for publishing! While this process will take a few weeks, the students are very excited!

Of course, I'm sure you know by now that we've finished our " TOP SECRET PROJECT". The students are so excited for you to see what we've done. The TOP SECRET PROJECT will be ready for your viewing pleasure at the open house Tuesday night!

Just a few detailed reminders:

- Open House is Tuesday! You'll get a chance to see the classroom and hear a little bit about what we do. If you cannot join us please let me know ASAP and I will make arrangements for you to view our project and get the information!
- In September there are a few days we dismiss early and are out of school. The first ones coming up are September 6th (Labor Day—no school) and September 8th when we are out at 1 PM. We are also closed September 9th & 10th for Rosh Hashanah. All of the calendar dates are available on the class website on the calendar page. (www.asalomon.com)
- Swimming during PE begins in September! Students need a bathing suit, towel, sunblock, and goggles (if desired). No pool toys are allowed. **The first day of swimming is Thursday, September 2!**

Shabbat Music together
August 20, 2010

Reminders:

- **Open House 8/31**
- Please send a kippah for boys (optional for girls)
- Please send a healthy snack & water bottle every day
- Swimming during PE in September
- **Check out the class website for daily blog posts & calendar updates www.asalomon.com**

Guidance

Welcome to another great year at NOJDS!

In order to promote our students' social and emotional development, each grade will meet with me on a weekly basis for "Guidance Time." This time is dedicated to introducing and strengthening the students' pro-social skills. Part of our time together will work to increase self-esteem and self-awareness, as well as to enhance current social skill sets. Students will have an opportunity to improve their communication skills, be exposed to conflict resolution techniques, and be able to identify positive coping strategies. Each activity will be founded in the strengths-based model, which highlights the children's assets and talents.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached by email at jbaudy@nojds.com or via phone at 887-4091. I look forward to working with you to make this a great year at NOJDS!

~Mrs. Baudy

Hebrew

2nd grade:

Shalom!

We had a wonderful week. The students are reading books at a higher level and their reading fluency is getting better. We practiced singular and plural words this week. Our project for this subject was to create our own body image and write the body parts using plural and singular.

Next week we will continue to practice Hebrew by introducing ourselves to the class. Also, once a week we're having reading circle and we will learn Hebrew songs.

Shabbat Shalom,

HaMorah Batel

3rd grade:

Shalom!

This week we got new Hebrew books in school, which means that we have many cool things to read!

We continued our reading circle by reading about Daniel and comparing his life in Alaska and Tel Aviv. Then we talked (in Hebrew of course) how his life would be if he was living in New Orleans, (Daniel is a character from a workbook.)

We started to read the Hebrew version of The Diary of a Wimpy Kid - the kids really liked it. Next week we will continue to explore the new books!

Judaics

2nd grade:

The 2nd graders worked so well this week in Judaic Studies class. They worked very hard learning all the names of the Jewish months and the holidays that go along with each month. Their incredible artistic abilities shined through when they made signs for all of the Jewish months of the year. With *Rosh Hashanah* (the Jewish New Year) approaching fast, we will be working hard next week learning a lot about this holiday, and the different things we do and eat on *Rosh Hashanah*.

Shabbat Shalom,

Ms. Paul

3rd grade:

Shalom!

This week we started to learn Torah. We talked about few facts that we know about the Torah and started the book of Bereshit (Genesis). We discussed the creation story and started a project. Next week we will continue with rest of the creation story. We will learn about the High Holidays and will have great projects and new songs.

Shabbat Shalom,

HaMorah Batel