

What's New in Grade 5?

מה חדש בקתה ה'?

Thursday, January 10, 2019/ 4 Shevat 5779

This week, we

- Discussed the importance of being "Kinder than Necessary," which is our new 5th grade motto. We started keeping track of all the times we were kinder than necessary to each other. (See photo below).
- Started a spelling program. This week highlights high frequency words. We will have a spelling quiz every Friday from now on. We practice the words every day, which should limit outside studying.
- Started a new novel, the *Heart of a Samurai*, by Margi Preus. In preparation for the novel, we learned about Japan and Samurai.
- Studied a *mishnah* describing four New Years according to the Jewish calendar. See how many your child can remember: 1 Nissan, for kings and holidays; 1 Elul, fiscal year for livestock (1/10 of flock); 1 Tishrei, for counting the date, the Sabbatical year, and fiscal year produce; 15 Shevat, New Year for Trees)
- Explored the mitzvah of *Bal Tashhit*, Do Not Destroy, and how it relates to trees; began reading our Tu B'Shvat textbook, *Eykh Natzil et Ha'Atzim?* (How Can We Save the Trees?)
- Learned about putting fractions on a number line and adding fractions.
- Started learning about Earth and Space in science. We discussed why there is day and night and why there are seasons. (Ask your children what the Earth's tilt has to do with seasons.)
- Imagined what our lives might be like seven years into the future, and wondered why Ya'akov offered such an extravagant and demanding gift, seven years of labor, in exchange for the privilege of marrying Rachel.

Of Special Note:

- **Friday, January 18:** All School Kabbalat Shabbat 1:40 p.m.-2:20 p.m.
- **Monday, January 21:** (Tu B'Shevat) Martin Luther King Jr. Day **NO SCHOOL**

Should Moshe be allowed to be the leader of the Israelites? (Case argued the Friday before winter break.)



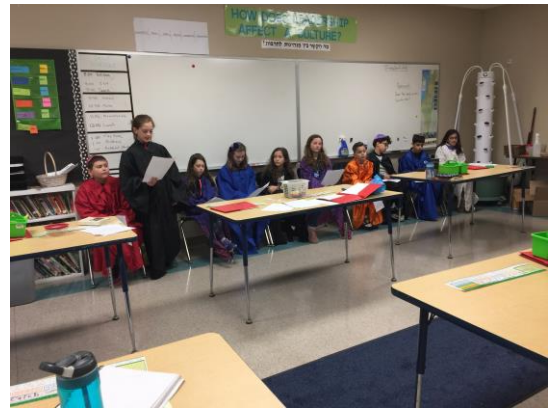
The "Justices" assemble



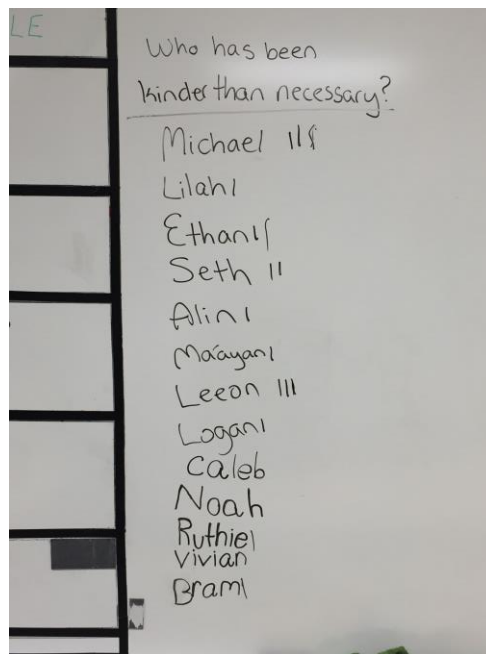
Leeon offers the opening argument.



Ruthie reads her concurring opinion.



Bram persuasively dissents.



Random acts of hesed (kindness) performed by the following individuals on Wednesday, as reported by classmates.
Note that every fifth grader made the list!

Shabbat Shalom!

Ms. V and Yehudit