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What's New in Grade 2?

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Thursday, March 14, 2019

This week, we:

- Studied *Parshat Vayikra*, our first parsha in the Book of *Vayikra*. We focused on the fact that this week is a special Shabbat on the Jewish calendar - *Shabbat Zachor* - Shabbat of Remembrance, where we remember (always on the Shabbat right before Purim) how the nation of *Amalek* treated the Israelites so badly.
- Were invited to learn from the 3/4 graders, as they celebrated a *siyyum* for having finished their in-depth study of *Parshat Hayyei Sarah*.
- Recalled the key mitzvot of Purim: giving gifts to the poor, gifts between friends, reading the Megillah, having a festive meal
- Created arrays in math and learned how they connect to multiplication.
- Visited with residents at Creekside to celebrate Purim together. We ate hamantashen and created masks with them.
- Started making our own grape juice with Ali during Environmental Ed.
- Chose the states we will be researching for the 2nd grade State Fair!

Of Special Note:

- Friday, March 15 All School Kabbalat Shabbat (**2nd Grade Leading!!**) 1:40 p.m.-2:20 p.m.
- Art to Remember orders due March 15! You should have received an order form with a sample of your child's art. You have two options to submit your order: 1.) Return the completed order form/envelope with a check made payable to "CJDS" or 2.) Order online at: Order.ArtToRemember.com You will need the *online order code* which is located in a blue box on the front and back page of the order form when ordering online.
- Thursday, March 21 Purim Parade and Megillah Reading 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Wear Purim costume to school!**
- Join COSI educators at CJDS for Family Education and Fun. The event is Sunday, March 24, 2:30-4pm. The workshops target ages 5-12, but siblings are welcome!

- K-2 students and their parents: Animal Tales! Habitats and Adaptation Workshop (with live animals!)
- 3-6 graders and their parents: Gross Science: Microorganisms and the Human Body Workshop (use microscopes and learn about the biological importance of snot!)
- Friday, March 29 All School Kabbalat Shabbat (Music Theme) 1:30 p.m.-2:20 p.m.
- Save the Date for the CJDS school play on Sunday, May 19 at 4pm in the gymnasium. The CJDS Drama Club will be presenting The Jungle Book Kids. Parents, Siblings, Aunts and Uncles are all invited. It will be a lot of fun with music, dancing, and costumes! Presented by Giselle Siegel, Artistic Director of the JCC Gallery Players.

Questions for your kids:

- What is the connection between Amalek, from Parshat Zachor that's read this Shabbat, and the evil Haman from the story of Purim?
- Why is what Amalek did to the Israelites so bad?
- What were some of the “basic state facts” you learned about your state this week?

