

## What's New in Grade 5?

# מה חדש בקתה ה'?

Thursday, February 14, 2019/ 9 Adar I 5779

### This week, we

- Continued our discussion of *Heart of a Samurai* and had wonderful discussions about why people lie and how America is both similar and different from America in the 1840s. We also created and shared crossword puzzles based on our vocabulary lists from the book.
- Analyzed case studies applying our *mishnah* on damages: Which category of damage ("The Ox, the Pit, the Tooth, or the Fire") would a plumbing leak fall under? A dog bite? A pet eating your neighbor's peaches?
- Completed a module in math on adding and subtracting fractions. We will begin next week with the End of Module Assessment, which the students will take on Wednesday.
- Explored in Hebrew what professions our talents and interests might lead us to, and how we could use our gifts to make a contribution to society; finished reading the book, *Mah Ani Rotzeh Lehiyot? (What do I Want to Be)*.
- Began a unit on economics where we discussed costs and benefits. We created cost/benefit analysis on various scenarios. This information will soon be applied during our integrated unit on careers.
- Examined Leah's perspective on her position in Ya'akov's family: The *Humash* describes her as *s'nuah*. Does this mean here "unloved" or "hated"? What do her children's names reveal about Leah's personality?
- Finished our astronomy unit with a discussion on the size of the universe.

### Of Special Note:

- Friday, February 15:** President's Weekend **NO SCHOOL**
- Monday, February 18:** President's Day **NO SCHOOL**
- Tuesday, February 19:** **Pennies for Patients Campaign** begins. Please check Friday folders for your family's collection box, as well as for more details.
- Wednesday, February 27:** Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 28:** Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.



"Let's play 'Fraction' Twister!"



"How about 'Fraction' Monopoly?"



**"We'll stick with 'Multiplication' War!"**



**Hmm! Another set of twins in the Fifth Grade!**

***Shabbat Shalom!* Have a great weekend!**

**Ms. V and Yehudit**