



4th Grade Happenings

Mrs. Friedman

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Responsibilities:

- * **Current Events:**
Jordyn, Michelle
- * **Literature Chart:** None

Due Dates:

- * **January 8:** Jewish Book Report due

Look for project assignment sheets on the school's web-site.

Reminders:

- * **Please send a copy of your child's American Indian report to school tomorrow, so I can hang the reports back up on the wall. I wrote comments on the originals, so I need new copies.**
- * Tuesday is Rosh Chodesh.
- * Wednesday is a Denim Day and Civil Rights Day (in place of regular classes).

Welcome Back!

Language Arts:

This will be a laid back week in language arts. Students will be given time to finish their handwriting books, so we can all start writing entirely in cursive starting next week. We will have a handwriting party next Monday to celebrate this event. Students who have already completed their handwriting books will work on adding poems to their poetry collections. Students working on spelling will be learning different ways to spell "r controlled syllables" meaning syllables that have neither a long nor short vowel sound because the vowel is followed by an "r." For homework, students will need to complete either Spelling Unit 11 or Wordly Wise Unit 11. They will also need to complete a green WOW word for Friday.

Literature:

This week, both literature groups will work together in partners to write one page plays about the reunion of the two main characters in *The Sign of the Beaver*. Students will learn about play-writing conventions on Tuesday and work on the rough drafts of their plays on Thursday. They will perform

each other's rough drafts on Friday and get feedback from their classmates. Next week, they will revise their plays and perform the final versions (with costumes and props) Wednesday at 2:35. All parents are invited to attend the performance, so please try to come.

Math:

This week in math, students will continue their study of decimals by learning how to round decimals to the nearest tenth or whole. They will also learn how to add & subtract decimals and use decimals to solve problems involving money. For homework, students will be expected to complete pages 84 and 86 in their math workbooks Monday night and study links Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Social Studies:

This week, students will be taking a bus and boat tour of the Southeast. They will visit a variety of notable places including Jamestown, Virginia, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Memphis Tennessee.