



# 4th Grade Happenings

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## Responsibilities:

- \* **Current Events:**  
None
- \* **Literature Chart:**  
Jordyn: Ch. 8  
Michelle: Ch. 9

## Due Dates:

- \* Portfolio Scavenger Hunt due May 21

See parent letter and student packet for more details.

## Reminders:

- \* Wednesday, May 14 is our last Denim Day to raise money for Magen David Adom.
- \* Thursday, May 15 is Green Day and our last hot lunch. Please send in \$5 with your child if you are interested.
- \* Friday, May 16 at 5:45 is the Akiva Shabbat at the Temple.
- \* Saturday, May 17 at 5:45 is the Akiva Shabbat at the West End Synagogue.
- \* Monday, May 19 is Field Day.
- \* Tuesday, May 20, is the 4th Grade Downtown Scavenger Hunt from 8:45 to 3:30.
- \* All books are due to the school library by Tuesday, May 20.

## Last Week of Regular Classes

### Language Arts:

We will use language arts time this week to finish our final unit in social studies. We will also have a party with our reading buddies on Tuesday to wrap up our year of reading to the JCC preschoolers. I decided not to give students a Wordly Wise or Spelling unit this week. Instead, I expect them to work on their portfolios every night, since this project is worth 40 points in language arts. More importantly, I think the Portfolio Scavenger Hunt is probably the most valuable project students do the entire year, because it provides them with the chance to reflect on their progress as learners. I hope you as parents can also find the time to work on the project with your children, because I feel that parent input can be very beneficial to helping students reflect on their learning. Please remember that I need back all of the formal writing prompts from students who will be returning next year. If your child wants to use a prompt in his/her portfolio, let me know, and I will photocopy it. In addition to the portfolios, the final WOW words of the year (blue) is

due Friday.

### Literature:

This week, students will read Ch. 8 and 9 in *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*. We will read the book together as a class on Monday and Wednesday. Students will then need to write in their postcard journals Monday and Wednesday nights in preparations for our class discussions on Tuesday and Thursday. Next week, we will finish the book and do an Internet Scavenger Hunt of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

### Math:

Students will use their math time this week to play various math games to strengthen their computation skills. Students will also use part of their math time to finish some projects they are working on in art. There will be no math homework for the rest of the year.

### Social Studies:

We will be spending extra time on social studies this week to complete our final unit on the West. Students will take a mock

van and airplane tour of the West and visit places such as Yellowstone National Park, the Columbia River, and Anchorage, AK. They will also complete several hands on activities such as writing lyrics for a coal miner's song and planning an itinerary for a trip to Hawaii. For homework, students will need to complete a study guide on the Wednesday night. The following Wednesday, they will have a test on the unit.