

Hebrew Day Institute

לכבוד שבת

L'chvod Shabbat



February 9, 2007



School Play By Nancy Carlson

The play will be here before we know it and the students are doing a great job learning their parts.

New Rehearsal Schedule

Starting Monday, February 12, all students with speaking parts are needed at rehearsals on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Rehearsal times are being extended until 5:00 pm.

All students must have all their lines memorized by February 28. It's best to do this a little a time, or one scene

at a time for the longer parts. Please work with your children to help them with this. Students should bring a snack to practice. They can also plan to do their homework, quietly, while they are not on stage. If they don't have homework, they should bring a book to read quietly.

Costumes are being discussed and we will let you all know what your child needs for the show by the end of the month.

As always, thanks for your support. We are having a great time!



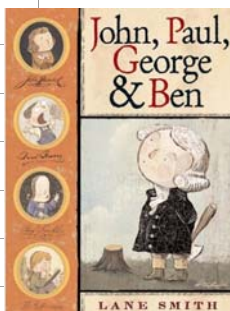
Reading Room With Mrs. R. By Mrs. Rothbard

The books for February are:

K-2nd Grade

John, Paul, George & Ben
by Lane Smith

This one is about the founding fathers (not the Beatles). With a dose of humor and taking liberties, Smith



describes each man's character when they were boys as bold, noisy, honest, clever, or independent. Then he shows how when they grew up those very traits became valuable to the revolutionary

cause helping America secure its freedom. The truth is stretched and children will enjoy the humor along with mom and dad. The illustrations are terrific, blending period elements and compositions typical of the Revolutionary times, with stylized art typical of modern cartoons. A true-and-false section in the back separates fact from fiction.

3rd—6th Grade

Mr. Chickee's Funny Money
by Christopher Paul Curtis

This is a humorous tall tale mystery about nine-year-old Steven, who loves helping his blind neighbor, Mr. Chickee, run his errands. The

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Keep in Mind

Important Dates

Thursday, February 15

2:30 pm
5th Grade Play "Lincoln Remembers"

Friday February 16 & Monday February 19

School Closed for Presidents' Day

February 22

4th Graders present "The Egg and The Bean" at the Hebrew Home

February 22

7:00 pm Open House

The following After School Clubs start this week:

LET US TEACH YOU CHESS INC. Mondays: 3:45 - 4:45
Level: All grades

MATH & SCIENCE MAGIC
Wednesdays: 3:45 - 4:45
Level: 2nd - 6th (1st graders please speak to Mrs. Lempert if you are interested)

MISHMAR
Thursdays: 3:30 - 4:30
Level: 4th - 6th grade

For descriptions of all clubs, and other information please go to the school website and click on "After School Programs." Please contact Mr. Thompson at rthompson@hebrewdayinstitute.org, if you have any questions.

Reading Room With Mrs. R
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adventure begins when Steven receives a quadrillion dollar bill from Mr. Chickee. The money's signature feature is a picture of soul singer James Brown. With the help of his younger friend, Russell, and Russell's drooling, giant dog, Zoopy, Steven manages to evade the smarmy and slightly inept Agent Fondoo from the U.S. Treasury Department, who is desperately trying to get the bill back. The book is fast-paced and funny.

Steven's irritation); the dictionary whose copyright page constantly writes insults; and the boy's miraculous spying invention called the Snoozeze 9000 all serve to give the novel a sense of whimsy and magical realism.

Characters are very interesting but the plot is the important thing here. Curtis presents both adults and children as flawed but brave. This book will surely appeal to reluctant readers as well as anyone who wants to laugh and find intrigue and just a little bit of magic."



This book is written by Newbery Award and Coretta Scott King Award winning author of *Bud, Not Buddy* and *The Watsons Go to Birmingham*.

Review Excerpt From School Library

Journal Starred Review. Grade 3-6: "The interactions between Steven and his dad, who uses every opportunity to educate his son (much to



4th & 5th Grade Highlights

By Naomi Kaplan

Fourth Grade

Kudos to the fourth graders for putting on an awesome performance of "The Egg and The Bean," by Chaim Nachman Bialik. The students will be performing the play again for the residents of the Hebrew Home, February 22nd at 2:00 P.M. Fourth graders are also completing another novel, *Snow Treasure*, beginning the next level of *Wordly Wise*, finishing up the language unit on pronouns, and starting a research project on the state of Maryland. March book reports are due the 2nd week of that month. Our students did a fabulous

job on their science research and presentations, and I am very proud of them.

Fifth Grade

Fifth graders are practicing their parts for the fifth grade play, "Lincoln Reminders," which will be performed February 15th, at 2:30 pm. The students are learning about Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War as they sing the songs of that era. In honor of Presidents' Day, the class researched the lives of several American presidents and will begin their oral presentations on Monday, February 12th. The class will discuss

the dreams that these presidents had for our country, and then write about the dreams that they have for the U.S.A. at this time.

I enjoyed reading the original stories fifth graders wrote about "Life Under the Sea." Hopefully, some will be published. Mazel Tov to all the fifth graders who had their poems published by Creative Publications: Amy Fox, Jonathan Kravitz, Martin Lempert, Jay Rosenthal, Dean Shilo, and Shira Torchinsky. Mazel Tov also on the great research and presentations for the Science Fair.



PTO Corner

By Edith Calem

If anyone is interested in child-minding services during the upcoming parent/teacher conferences on Thursday March 15th, please let me know. We have a half day of school that day. The conferences will be that evening. Please let me know if you are interested so that we can start looking for able sitters. Later, when we get our time assignments, you can let me know your specific needs. Please email me at pto@hebrewdayinstitute.org. Thanks.



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