



Boker Tov,

Your Augusta Jewish Community Sunday School (AJCSS) has been extremely busy! Each class is being inspired by dedicated teachers, caring rabbis, and supportive Madrichim (aides). We have had an Open House, and Parent's Meeting with Warren Umansky presenting ideas to reinforce a positive Jewish identity. Here are some highlights by class.

Bagels and Blox The class meets 8 times during the year with our next class on November 17th. It has been our fastest growing class which is a bright sign for our future. They focus on a creative Jewish learning experience using crafts, music, and storytelling. It is a chance for the parent and child to experience the beginning of fun Jewish learning. I think the parents enjoyed the stories as much as the kids. Kara Deaner – teacher, Savannah Moreno and Mathew Guy – Madrichim (alternating)

PreK and K This semester we have been talking how the creation of the world. We also learned all about Shabbat such as a full service to include prayers, and customs. Several of the bible stories have been discussed. Our students have begun learning Hebrew. Jennifer Shoenholz – teacher and Rachel Helling – Madricha

1st and 2nd We started the year learning a deeper understanding of Judaism. We are reading a lot of stories to learn about the holidays including Shabbat. The students in our class enjoy art and crafts and really enjoyed making edible Sukkoths. Jan Bledsoe – teacher and Dani Kronowski – Madricha

3rd and 4th We learned about the fall Holidays including Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah. The Torah stories come alive in this class such as Creation, Cain and Abel, Noah, Tower of Babel, etc. The students are picking up the material and enjoying their study of G-d. Michael Scharff – teacher and Michael Bruno – Madrich

5th thru 7th This semester we are learning about the Tanach and reasons why it is relevant in our modern times. We are being creative and working on a play on Hanukkah that will be presented to the school and parents on November 3rd. Cards were created by our students that will be sent to both American and Israeli soldiers letting them know how we appreciate their work. Our class will also be going to the Soup Kitchen, a mitzvah of feeding the hungry. Peter Goldberg – teacher and Jaclyn Zibman – Madricha

Our AJCSS is fortunate to have such dedicated teachers along with creative Music support in Joanne Green and Sarah Sirull (also Hebrew). Rabbi Robert Klensin (1st semester Tefillah and Hebrew leader) and Rabbi David Sirull (2nd semester Tefillah and music director) add the right connection back to each congregation and provide the knowledge to challenge our students. Jacob Scharff working with Hope Goad and Sarabeth Budenstein work on special projects and are extremely helpful in the organization of our school. Our goal is to make Jewish learning fun and rewarding.

Shalom,

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