

**MATH:**

-Chapter 7- Decimals

**LANGUAGE ARTS:**

-Spelling Lesson #13

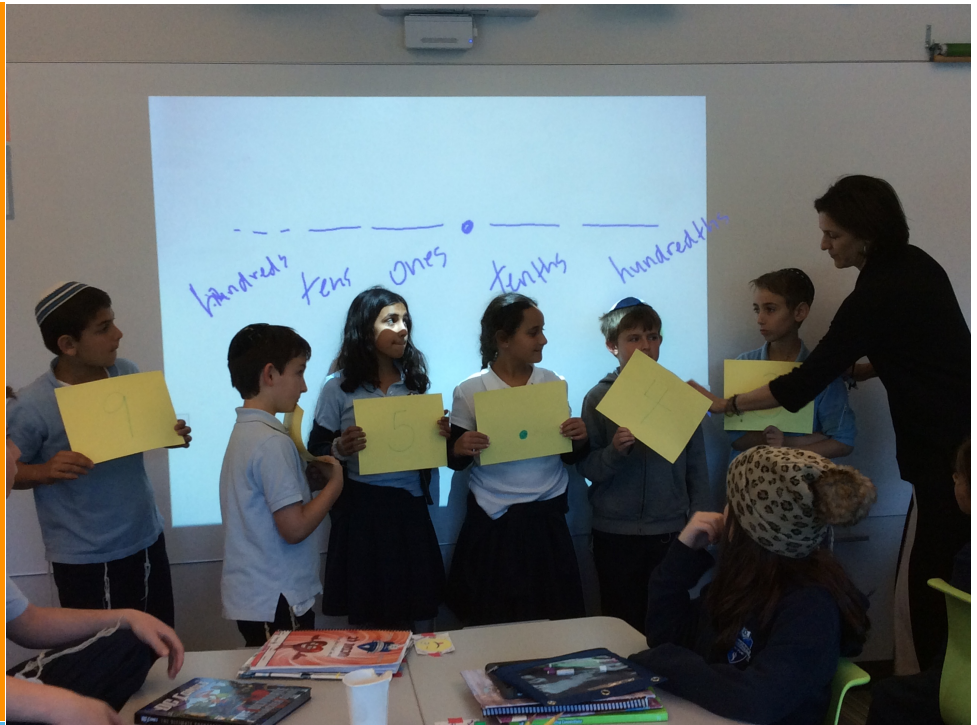
Wordly Wise Lesson 8

**READING:**

-Guided Reading Groups  
finish novels

**WRITING:**

Write one to two paragraphs  
about your mid-winter break



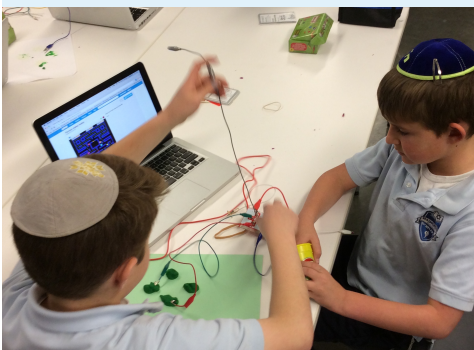
**Feb.5, 2016**

**Ms. Giss & Mrs. Daftari's  
productive fourth grade. 😊**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO VISIT  
OUR CLASS WEBSITE for  
current photos, important  
links and other important  
information:  
[daftari-giss.weebly.com](http://daftari-giss.weebly.com)**

**TECHNOLOGY:**

During computer class with Mr. G, the students are learning to connect paper and wire circuits to play a digital game online!



**MATH**

This week we started Chapter 7: Decimals. Important vocabulary terms for this week include: *tenth*, *hundredth*, *decimal form*, *decimal point*, and *expanded form*. We reviewed the place value chart to gain a deeper understanding of the difference between whole numbers and parts of whole numbers. The digits to the left of the decimal point are whole numbers. The first two places to the right of the decimal point are the **tenths** place- one tenth of one whole and the **hundredths** place- one hundredth of one whole. Students learned about decimals as an extension of place-value notation. They learned how to show amounts that are parts of a whole using decimals and that a decimal point is used to separate the whole number part and the fractional part. Students learned to write tenths and hundredths in decimal and fractional forms, how to regroup tenths as ones, and how to express mixed numbers and improper fractions as decimals.

-We continued testing students on their multiplication facts.

-Students have been exploring "Section U: Decimals" of IXL on their iPads. Please encourage them to continue their progress on IXL at home.

-Students expressed how they gained clarity from watching the Khan Academy videos posted on our class website. Please note there are several more videos on that terrific website. We recommend that you watch some of the videos with your children! 😊



## UPCOMING TESTS/IMPORTANT DATES:

- Please see a copy of our February calendar on our website. A hard copy was sent home on the 1st
- Spelling test #13- Friday 2/5
- WW test #8, Thursday 2/11
- No school Monday 2/15  
President's Day
- No school Tuesday 2/16  
Faculty in-service day

## READING:

This week we finished the novels we were reading together during guided reading. We are so proud of the hard work, dedication, and professionalism that everyone put into guided reading time. Some of the chapters ended on cliffhangers and the students couldn't wait to continue reading each day. We continue to encourage them to apply the active reading strategies we have been employing during our novel studies to their own reading pursuits. We encourage the students to try the novels that they didn't read- on their own. We also showcased more Beverly Cleary books, Kate DiCamillo books, and Newbery Honor books to promote continued excitement about books and independent reading.

As a required extension of their work, we will be introducing final project options to students next week. These projects will be completed at home and due the first week of March. Specific guidelines and rubrics will be sent home with your child (**and posted on our website**) once we introduce the project next week.

In class, students will be writing essays related to their novels. We look forward to guiding them through the writing process as they brainstorm, draft, revise, and edit a multiple paragraph piece. More to come next week...

