

Cutting Edge Technology Training for All CJDS Students

In January 2007, Mrs. Andrea Gamlin joined the Charlotte Jewish Day School staff to teach technology to grades K-5. Mrs. Gamlin has created a refreshing curriculum that offers stimulating age-appropriate computer activities that correspond with the grade level curricula.

The kindergarten students have been introduced to KidPix software. Some of the skills they have acquired are: typing their names, using various font types and sizes; identifying, drawing, and coloring shapes; and animating their drawings.

First graders are utilizing the Paint program to explore art concepts, such as pointillism, impressionism, and modern art. As they read stories, they visualize scenes and bring them to life on the computer screen.

The focus of second grade is

Publisher. The children can make letterheads and posters and have a command of motion clip art. They have also learned to use Word to write and illustrate their own edited fairy tales.

Third grade students have learned to do Internet searches on kid-friendly www.factmonster.com. They have written poetry with the help of the computer's thesaurus and spell check. They have created PowerPoint presentations of their city research. They will also use PowerPoint for the biographies that they are studying in language arts.

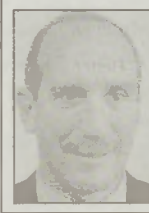
The fourth grade class is proficient in creating Excel spreadsheets, including sorting data in ascending and descending order. They also have excellent command of Word, so that they can write reports using advanced formatting techniques, such as word

wrapping and image control.

Our fifth graders are studying the stock market and keeping track of their virtual investments on Excel spreadsheets. After reviewing rules about online safety, they have researched various topics about the environment for Tu B'Shvat. Their science research on mammals is being presented in PowerPoint.

Many CJDS parents report that their children have become their technology tutors. We are proud to see our students function so efficiently and so comfortably in the modern world of computers.

Charlotte Jewish Day School has openings in some grades for the 2007-2008 school year. For admissions information, call Cheryl Rabinowitz at 704-366-4558. ☆



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Good-bye to Charlotte Jewish Preschool, May 2007

By Staci Mond

Make yourself a nice refreshing glass of iced tea. Find a comfortable, quiet spot- perhaps that overstuffed chair in the den, or maybe that creaky rocking chair that has been in your family for years. Close your eyes. Listen closely, and you can hear the chatter: It's a boy! It's a girl! Congratulations! Mazel Tov! Now, fast forward (and I do mean FAST forward) to 2007-you can hear some of the same rhetoric -Congratulations! Mazel Tov! Only this time, your babies are graduating from CJP and going to Kindergarten. Is that possible? How have five years gone by so quickly? "Why, it was just yesterday that my little one started to....."



Purim at the Charlotte Jewish Preschool.

time. The knowledge that they have gained in the "three Rs" will give them a good starting point for kindergarten. The experiences participating in the Pre-K wedding, the trip to Israel, the Hanukkah parties, the Dad's day with bagels and blocks, the Mock Seder, the Pajama party and many others throughout the year will stay in their memories forever. There wasn't a child that didn't glow each day during their time as "Kid of the Week."

Judaism is rich with tradition as evidenced every week in Judaica class and Shabbat celebration. I am thrilled that we as a family learned from our five-year-old about Jewish traditions and rituals that were long forgotten. Our children

have made friends; some for now, some bonds will last forever. They have experienced happy, joy filled days. They have learned how to be humble winners and gracious losers. They step lightly as only a five-year-old can do, as they keep the rhythm of songs in their heart. Kindness and acceptance, tolerance and a generosity of spirit can be observed in their everyday interactions. The thrill of knowing

that "I matter" and "I can make a difference" illuminates from every child that will be graduating. I invite you to walk the halls one day and listen to our future. It sounds promising- and for this priceless lifelong gift that our children have received we must thank a lot of people: To the administration and the teachers/staff at CJP who give their energy every day to our kids, to the volunteers whose only pay is satisfaction and fulfillment, to the involved parents who know that the best way to raise a child is by example, and to our entire Charlotte Jewish community for supporting our children and the Charlotte Jewish Preschool.

Every family that passes through the doors must be astounded at what their child has accomplished. We thank CJP for laying the groundwork for their academic careers. We also thank CJP for giving our children the confidence to explore, the desire to learn and the self reliance to succeed in their next adventure. This Simcha is without question a huge milestone in their short five years on earth. As we go our separate ways to our different schools, we know as parents that our children have a special advantage over their future classmates- The "CJP" advantage. Now, start saying for those B'nai Mitzvah. ☆



The boys sing Judah Maccabee.

How wonderful and exciting this time is for your child and for you. We know that as we send them into the big world, we have given them the best gift a parent can give: A solid foundation- provided by our loving care, our parental guidance and the Charlotte Jewish Preschool. The partnership that we as parents and the faculty at CJP have embraced over the years is one that cannot be surpassed. Collectively we have instilled in them a sense of pride for their Jewish heritage, and have taught them decision making skills that will last a life-



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