

CJP is for P preschool

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abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz... The letter **P** has been a **P**rominent sound running through the halls of the Charlotte Jewish **P**reschool. Clearly, **P** is for **P**reschool. Children come from all over our community in order to **P**lay to learn, **P**artake in educational activities, **P**repare their minds and bodies for growth, **P**articipate in enrichment classes, allow their imaginations to soar at the **P**layground and for our families to **P**lug into our rich heritage. However as winter comes to a close and **sP**ring quickly approaches, the teachers at the Charlotte Jewish **P**reschool, find that the letter **P** takes on a whole new meaning.

The letter **P** started off the month of February with a Dragon Parade **P**rominently **P**ut on by the **P**reK class. The whole school watched as the rich costumes, dancers, **P**arasols, and dragons floated through our hallways, as **P**reK celebrated their week long study of China and the Chinese New Year. The letter **P** did not **stoP** at the **P**arade, but continued the following week with **P**ajama Day. Children, teachers, **sP**ecialists and staff showed **uP** for school wearing their favorite **P**Js and **sliPP**ers. **P**arents **helP**ed us along as we **P**articipated in a **sP**ecial round robin and ate delicious **P**ancakes. The letter **P** con-



CJP celebrates Chinese New Year.

round out the month with lessons for **P**resident's Day. The **P**reschool's February mitzvah is Tzar Ba'alei Chayim (Caring for Animals). Our families donated items to the animal rescue shelter **P**aws in the **P**anhandle. The children were also visited by a **sP**ecial **theraPy** dog named Bandit who showed us how animals take care of **P**eople.

March comes in as a lion and leaves like a lamb, but the letter **P** is ever **P**resent. CJP will welcome **sP**ring on March 20. March will also bring exciting, interactive "**P**" activities. A **sP**ecial **P**erformance by the Tarradiddle **P**layers will be enjoyed by all.

Purim **P**asses, **P**esach learning will **P**roceed. **P**lagues, **P**haraohs, and **P**rincesses will **P**opulate our classrooms.

As any reader can tell, the letters of the **aP**habet have a **P**urposeful **P**lace at the Charlotte Jewish **P**reschool. The Charlotte Jewish **P**reschool welcomes your child to join the letter **P** at our **P**erfectly **P**ositive enriching **P**reschool. You will discover the beauty of our CJP family, the **P**rofessional quality of our teachers, magnificent facilities and a secular and Jewish education that connects **P**reschoolers to the community and **P**rePares them for the future. For more information

about enrolling your child for the 2011/2012 school year or the current year, **P**lease contact Alyson Kalik, CJP registrar, at 704-944-6866 or akalik@shalomcharlotte.org.

(**P**.s. – see how many "**P**"s your child can find after **P**erusing this article and then, "like" the Charlotte Jewish **P**reschool on Facebook. Tell us on Facebook how many **P**s you found. The first 50 "Likes" will receive a CJP car magnet.) ☆



Dressed up for Pajama Day.

tinued the fun by hosting a very **sP**ecial visit from our grand-**P**arents on February 18. Our grand**P**arents enjoyed their **P**reschool morning learning with their grandchildren and celebrating Shabbat with our fabulous Morah Becca and Miss **P**atty. The letter **P** even joined us on the weekend to celebrate CJP PTO's Green Garden **P**arty Auction. Finally, the letter **P** **helP**ed us

Our audience of eager learners will **P**articipate with the **P**erformers as they act out folktales. After the **P**erformance, our students will focus on the holiday of **P**urim. The children will **P**retend to live in **P**alaces, **P**arade through the halls of Shalom **P**ark in costumes, learn the story of **P**urim and the mitzvah of Shalach Minot. CJP will be **P**resent at the community **P**urim carnival. When



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Financial Literacy at CJDS

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three- or four-letter ticker symbols for their securities? Students follow their investments using ticker symbols they research on Yahoo Finance. Now, we are looking at how our stocks have performed historically. My 5th grade students downloaded historical data into Excel spreadsheets and made their own stock charts. They graph high and low prices, and they graph volume (number of shares traded). Their charts rival any Wall Street

investor charts because these 5th grade students know how to format charts and incorporate corpo-

rate logos in the chart background.

So, do you see why I am so lucky? I get to have intelligent, mature financial discussions with my students, and use math and our new laptops to play with money! Also, when I read that ages 18-25 make up the largest growing age group filing for bankruptcy, I know that our CJDS kids will have the money skills they need to avoid that filing. ☆



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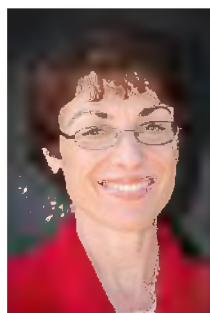
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