

Learning Environment and Curriculum Make CJDS So Special

As parents seek the most suitable placement for their rising kindergarten children, we at CJDS continue to educate the community on the treasure we offer the Jewish children and families in our community. We recognize how important this decision is and how many aspects play into the ultimate outcome. It is also an exciting time as families embark on

this new and amazing journey. At CJDS, this is an exciting time for us, too, as we welcome new families to our school. We hope that the information we share will assist families as they explore their options, and will assist them as they consider the many benefits and strengths of a Charlotte Jewish Day School education.

At CJDS we are very proud of

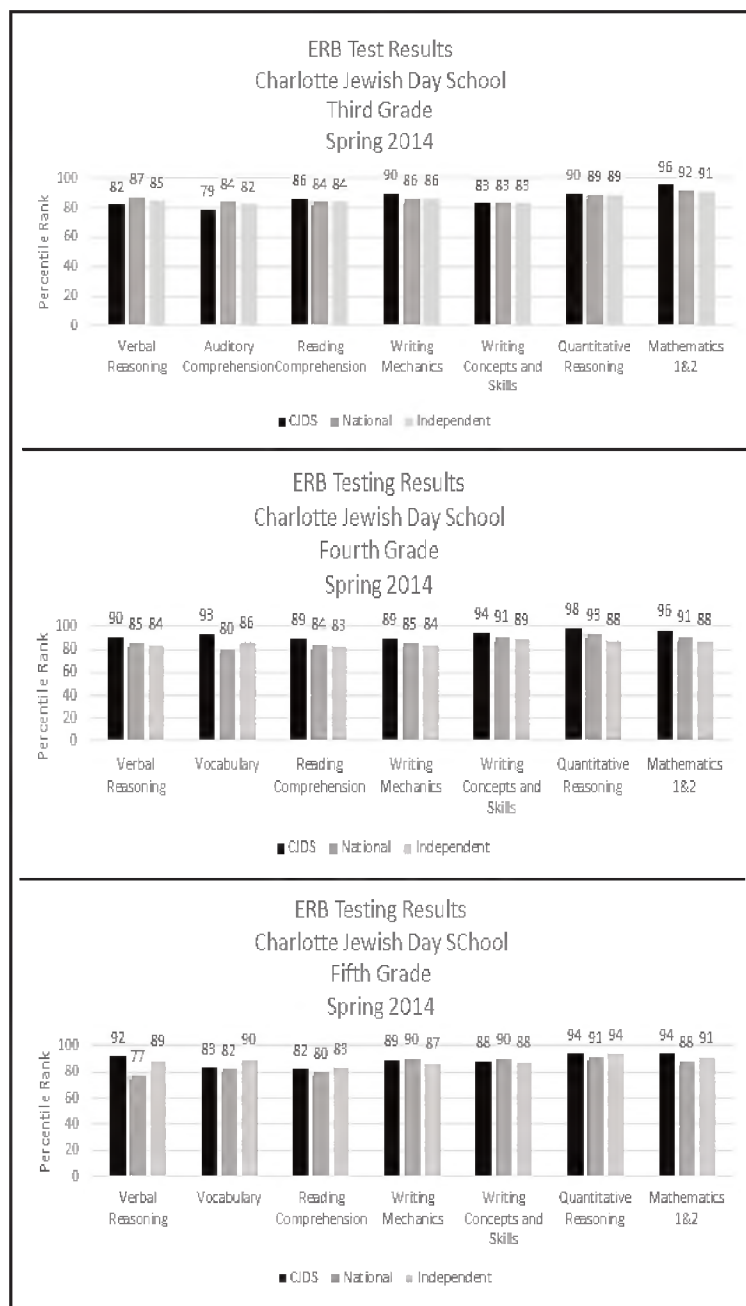
our curriculum and want to share just a few of our accomplishments. For the second year in a row our students have surpassed the national average standards for mastery of material in math, reading, and writing. Not only did our students outperform the national average, they also routinely outperformed other independent school students in these same content areas (see the charts at right).

These results bring us an immense amount of pride particularly because CJDS does not rely primarily on the results of academic testing or IQ scores when offering acceptance. We believe that our students' success can be attributed to our highly qualified teachers, small class sizes, differentiated teaching, dual language curriculum, and project-based learning.

The CJDS philosophy promotes principles of 21st century learning. Our smaller environment fosters a culture of awareness where each student is appreciated. Our teachers work to develop self-directed learners who rely on their critical thinking skills both in the classroom and in life. These skills are vitally important to the children's growth and development.

In addition to our strong general studies program, what CJDS has that makes us entirely unique in the Charlotte area is our incredible Judaic curriculum. The gift of a CJDS education is that our children can continue to build upon the foundation of their Jewish education, which was so lovingly introduced in preschool. The depth of knowledge that our students acquire in the areas of Torah study, Jewish traditions, and Hebrew language complement our general studies curriculum. More importantly, through our Judaic Studies program, CJDS students develop a strong sense of confidence and pride in both who they are as individuals and in their connection to the Jewish people and Israel.

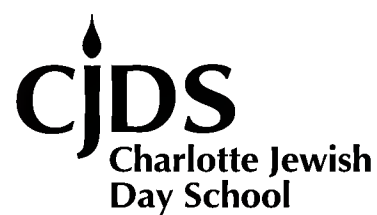
After fifth grade, our graduates transfer seamlessly into both public and private school settings. Wherever they end up, our gradu-



ates are both academically and socially successful. CJDS alumni are well represented in school honor societies and hold leadership positions in both Jewish and secular organizations.

We hope you will stop by and see for yourselves the incredible place where Jewish children can take the next step in their education. If you have any questions, please call us at 704-366-4558.

Looking forward to seeing you soon. ☆



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Temple Beth El Religious School Plants Trees for Tu BiShevat

On Tu BiShevat, Temple Beth El's Religious School grades 4-7 planted trees by the side of the synagogue with help from TreesCharlotte. Here the 5th grade learns about proper depth and spacing of newly planted trees from Dave Cable of TreesCharlotte. Everyone was excited to see Ms. Tammy Seigel again, too!

