

## Akiba-Schechter Jewish Day School Celebrating in 100 different ways

Students like to count the days to winter, spring, and summer break. But Kindergarteners at Akiba-Schechter also count until the 100th Day of School (February 22 this year), and celebrate it with a 100th Day Party. Parents and caregivers are invited to join the fun.

The children baked 100 blue berries into cup cakes that were arranged to form the number 100, and were shared with everyone after a big "100!" photo op. The Kindergarten classroom brimmed with all things one hundred. How many ways can you figure one hundred? Kids wrote their calculations on a board. Adults could lie down on a strip of paper taped to the floor with kids scooting up to measure them. Kids created an enormous chain out of 100 pieces of construction paper. They sorted cheerios, chocolate chips, gum drops, and pretzels into ten by ten paper grids. Later, the goodies went home in goodie bags labeled "Happy 100th Day!"

Throughout their 100th Day celebration, students practiced math skills without thinking much about it. Integrating academic skills into

everyday fun showcases Akiba-Schechter's play-based curriculum that permeates the pre-school, but also extends into the elementary grades.



The first and second graders, for instance, are known for their "post-office," open during recess for a month, where they sell stamps, run the cash register, and distribute mail throughout the school. The other students, even the middle schoolers, send mail to each other. The

school's one-to-eight student-teacher ratio and multi-age classrooms encourage this creativity and collaboration across grades.

Currently, the entire school is proud that 8th grader Josephine Gendler qualified to compete in the state level of the National Geographic Bee. It's a great testament to the challenging and comprehensive General Studies and Jewish education Akiba-Schechter provides from pre-school through 8th grade.

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