Last year was a year of many changes at TERS. This year has been the year of GROWTH. The school incorporated new programming and established new traditions through collaboration with Rabbi Marc. Sunday school now begins with T'filah Time and ends with Havdalah each and every week. This has led to spiritual growth within our TERS community, and I love this!

As we entered the school year, we jumped right in with a major field trip for the upper grades on Week Two! Thanks to the Bentley Fund, these students were blessed with the opportunity to take a tour of the Gerta III at Mystic Seaport, on loan from the Museum of Jewish Heritage. After a month of school, the High Holidays were upon us. We especially enjoyed an all day Sukkot Creation Celebration, where students individually created crafts for the sukkah and then collectively hung the decorations and celebrated with one another. The sukkah was even more beautiful than last year, if that is possible! Of course, there is my favorite event, Consecration Day, when the littlest learners are taken into the fold of our religious community. There is nothing more precious!

By November, Share Shabbats and B'Nai Mitzvot became incorporated into our families' routines. It is especially joyous to see the many generations present at these special services. These are the things that our program is really about. Getting excited about Judaism and having generations interact with one another.

By the end of the year, our students were not just proficient at celebrating holidays and getting excited about their Judaism, but they also learned how to contribute to their community through tzedakah and other charitable actions, such as participating in the Walk to End Homelessness and a Chanukah Coat Drive.

Our mission is to inspire our students to develop a Reform Jewish identity and a lifelong connection to the Jewish community. We are succeeding at fulfilling our mission!

Thank you to our very capable staff, without whom we could not teach these amazing young minds.

Shalom,
Miss Lisa