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## **OTRS Second Grade News**

11/15/09

Dear Families,

We had a great day today and even had a special "alef bet yoga" break! You can see pictures of us on the [second grade web page](#)!

Shalom,

*Nechama Retting*

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### **This Week...**

#### **On Sunday we:**

We glued our Havdalah brachot into our new Machbayrot and illustrated each blessing.

Revised Hebrew letters and vowels that we know and play Reading Round Robin to see how fast we can read using funny words in Hebrew like Boo-boo, Tuna, Goobee, plus some real words like tzedakah, Shemesh, etc... We also had a conductor who lead us in the reading by telling us to say our word with a high voice, low voice or medium voice and whether to say it loudly (crescendo) or softly (pianissimo). It was a lot of fun so we will do this activity again!!

We took a movement break (to relieve our sheplkes) by doing some alef bet yoga and creating Hebrew letters with our bodies.

We began reading Parsha Chayei Sarah (the life of Sarah) and then danced to the Israeli song Mayim with our Israel Specialist Morah Melinda Roth.

#### **On Tuesday we will:**

We will complete Parsha Chayei Sarah on pages 31-36 in It's Torah Time!.

Since we enjoyed the dance to Mayim so much, we will try it again!

We will learn the letters Alef and the vowel "eh" and "eye" pages 30-33 in our Hebrew book.

### **Special Activities and Crafts**

We had Movement today!

On Tuesday:

Centers:

Reading round Robin with new real words and goofy "words"

Alef Bet Bingo

Script writing sheets

Start a poster with words we know including: Shemesh (sun), Boker (morning) Mayim (water), Lechem (bread), Tzedakah, Shalom.

We have music with Rabbi Shalva from 5:30-6:00!!

### **Over the Next Few Weeks We Will...**

- Learn modeh ani, matovu, and shema
- Continue to review and move forward with Hebrew
- Continue to learn havdallah
- Read and discuss the weekly parshiot through our book It's Torah Time and with stories

### **Homework**

Please, please **review Hebrew reading at home a few times a week for 5 to 10 minutes**. We are progressing

rapidly and it is very clear who is getting that little bit of extra help at home and who is still struggling to keep up.  
**Thank you for your support and help!**

### **Things to Remember**

**We will begin using the wide rule notebooks I requested back at the beginning of school this week,** so PLEASE remember to send them to school (with water, a snack and tzedakah that is also sent in each class!)

Todah rabah (thank you) to Jordan and Mrs. Feltcorn for filling in the last 15 minutes of class this coming Tuesday so I can go to a teacher's educational conference in DC.

Have you added coins to your child's Tzedakah bag hanging on their backpack???

A reminder from the Education and Safety and Security Committees to **please keep children at home who are not feeling well.** Parents should email teachers to find out if their child has work to make up. This policy is designed to protect all our children.