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## OTRS Second Grade News

11/22/09

Dear Families,

We had a great day today and even had a special visitor who is helping us learn about Israel (see below for details)! You can see pictures of us on the [second grade web page](#)!

Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving! Please remember that there is no school on Sunday, Nov. 29th!

Shalom,

*Nechama Retting*

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**This Week...**

**On Sunday we:**

Reviewed Hebrew letters and vowels that we know plus new vowels and "vav". We are doing lots of practice reading so we can keep up with all that we have learned on pages 34-43 in our Hebrew books. We started Hebrew letter/word dictionaries in our notebooks from home.

We read parsha Toldot on pages 37-43 in our books.

**On Tuesday we will:**

We will read parsha Vayetze in [It's Torah Time!](#)

We will talk about Thanksgiving and Sukkot. Did you know that the idea of Thanksgiving came from our holiday sukkot? We will read the book [Rivka's Thanksgiving](#).

In Hebrew we will review and learn "chet" and "nun" and final nun. We'll do some center activities to help us remember and review our Hebrew letters.

**Special Activities and Crafts**

We learned about Israel with Morah Melinda today!

In centers we used pipecleaners to make Hebrew script letters, we read in chevruta, and we drew cards and then rolled the Hebrew vowel die to see what sounds to pronounce.

**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**

Look for the Homework folder in your child's homework folder (if you can't find it, or lose it, it is available on line).

Practice reading over Thanksgiving break!! 3 times for 5-10 minutes!! Choose letters you don't recognize very well (challenge yourself!!)

Check out this website:

<http://www.behrmanhouse.com/family/SUNowRead/> Read the line then use your mouse to click on the green arrow and hear the reader say the words to make sure you said everything correctly!

### **Things to Remember**

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

**We will have a Parent Information Session on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 11:30 AM. More information will be coming soon.**

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.