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OTRS Second Grade News

12/13/09

Dear Families,

Please remember to bring a **snack and water bottle to EVERY CLASS**. Please email Morah Nechama to let me know what **kosher snack you can share** with our class for our end of 2009 party on Tuesday, **12/22**. Thank you to the parents who sent in stickers for our class! Your kindness is greatly appreciated! :)

Feel free to share your child's favorite Chanukah book with our class! Or any books you have in Hebrew that don't have too many words in them so we can read them ourselves! Just send them in!!

Thank you to Moreh Jordan and Moreh Avi, our teachers aides! You guys rock!!

Look at our pictures on the [second grade web page!](#)

Shalom,

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This Week...

Today:

Havdalah and Tefilot

We read *parshat Vayeshev* in [It's Torah Time!](#) We had a nice discussion about Yosef's coat of many colors and sibling rivalry.

We created Dreidel pop up cards for Chanukah.

We learned the letter "Resh" in our Hebrew reading book and did a lot of practice reading

Handbook

and learning to pronounce words correctly (how to figure out syllables in Hebrew words). Ask your child if they can tell you how a "resh" is pronounced in Israel!

Please continue practicing at home! It really makes a huge difference in our retention of letters and vowels!!

Our "words we know" list has about 15 words on it now!

We had a Chanukah sing along with Rabbi Shalva and the whole school for the last 30 minutes of the morning.

Thank you to the Sisterhood for the dreidels and gelt. Please see in your child's backpack that the teachers purchased an Israeli dreidel for your child. Ask them to show you the difference between a dreidel from Virginia and one from Israel!

This coming Tuesday:

We will learn the story of Chanukah on our Floor map of Israel using props!

We will create a Chanukah key chain and make edible dreidels.

We will learn the letters "Pay", "Fay" and their final letters. *Nes Gadol haya Poh* (a great miracle happened here - in Israel!)

Lots of practice reading!

If there is time we will do centers of the children's choosing.

Special Activities and Crafts

Dreidel pop-up cards

Chanukah sing-along with Rabbi Shalva!

Over the Next Few Weeks We Will...

We would like to have a class party on Tuesday, 12/22. Please email Morah Nechama to donate a kosher snack item to our party! We need: Doughnuts (soufganiot), Kosher marshmallows, Hershey kisses, pretzel sticks, juice, napkins, cups, a fruit.
Thanks!!

Homework

Homework for the whole month of December:

<http://www.behrmanhouse.com/family/SUNowRead/>
and read then listen to the prayers we know on:
<http://www.behrmanhouse.net/hin3prayer/>

Practice at least 2 times per week for 10 minutes, Bevakashah!!!!

Things to Remember

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

Snow Policy: Generally, the religious school follows the Farifax County snow closings. If there is inclement weather on a Sunday you will receive an email by 7 AM to let you know that status of school for that day. You can also check WTOP for snow closings.