

## 1st Grade News

### Welcome Back!

We had an amazing start to our first grade year!

We began our week by engaging in community building activities such as morning greetings, sharing our hopes and dreams and artifacts, and discovering that we all have strengths and can teach and learn from one another. The students created self portraits, and we all worked together to create the rules of the classroom. The class is quite excited that they are now the oldest students on the first floor, *and* they get to sit at their very own desks!

In English, we began learning about complete sentences. We learned that a sentence must tell who or what does something, and the students practiced identifying the two parts of a sentence. Next we will learn that the who and the what are naming and action parts.

We are beginning our spelling curriculum by focusing on phonics and reviewing the sounds of the consonants. This review is a useful method to prepare the students for first grade spelling. After we have completed this initial warm-up, the students will be given a spelling pre-test every Monday, and will be tested on Fridays. The tests will begin in about two weeks.

In math, the students started taking a beginning of the year assessment. This will enable me to better meet the needs of each student.

Writing workshop appears to be a favorite subject among the first graders! The students are currently working on their stories, and we are looking forward to our first writer's share next week!

Next week we will begin handwriting, reading and science.

Thank you all for a wonderful week!



First assembly!

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### Hebrew

Shalom! The first week's Hebrew Class was awesome! We are using the Tal Am curriculum in class and started to review the alphabet this week. The students got their own supply box and learned the names of the supplies in Hebrew. We are using the Ariot workbook in our classes. Ariot is a lion that is teaching Hebrew. We were also introduced to the virtual class and teacher that helps the children learn Hebrew. We also practiced taking attendance in Hebrew.

Next week, we will be learning the letter "shin" as well as continuing to learn the Ariot software. ~ Batef

### Judaics

The 1<sup>st</sup> grade is off to a wonderful start in Judaic Studies class! We got to know each other through a game of "Get-To-Know-You BINGO". We came up with a list of behaviors that are appropriate for our classroom *kehillah* (community). The students began working in their *Shanah Tovah* workbook, the first Tal Am curriculum workbook they are being introduced to. We learned about the *shofar* and the different sounds it makes. Each student did a fantastic job coloring their own paper *shofar*. I am really excited for a fantastic year with the 1<sup>st</sup> graders!  
Shabbat Shalom. Ms. Paul