

September/October 2023 • Elul 5783/Tishrei/Cheshvan 5784 • אלול תשפ"ג , תשרי - חשון תשפ"ד

Shalom 1st Grade Parents.

During the months of September and October we are introducing our first graders to the main characters of the stories in the iTal-AM program, as well as the basics of classroom routines. The focus of the program will be learning the Alef-Beit and the building blocks of the Hebrew language through the four basic language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing.

## Ariot: reading/writing program:

Students are learning to recognize, read and write six letters of the Hebrew alphabet: Alef, Shin, Bet, Vet, Gimmel and Dalet, as well as vocabulary words beginning with each letter. They also learn the vowel shva, as well as the vowels that produce the ah sound: kah-mahtz, pah-tach and chah-tahf pah-tach and the vowel cheereek, the ee sound.

We are incorporating iTaL AM, a new internet-based program. iTaL AM, based on the TaL AM Hebrew curriculum, uses a blended learning model which draws on TaL AM's Hebrew literacy and Jewish Studies integration. while harnessing the benefits of technology.

## Daily life program or Shalom Ba-Keetah:

We are working on the following questions:

Mi ba-keetah? Mi lo ba-keetah? Who is in the classroom? Who is not in the classroom?

Mi yeled ba-keetah? Mi yaldah ba-keetah?

Who is a boy, or who is a girl in the classroom?

## Holidays:

The focus in the fall is on the Tishrei holidays: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah. While reviewing and learning new historical facts, customs, stories, prayers, and songs, we are doing

many activities to help enhance the experiences of the Jewish holidays in the month of Tishrei, such as blowing the shofar, dipping apples in honey, sitting in the Sukkah and shaking the Lulav & Etrog. We will learn about how to get ready for each of the Holidays.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your support.

Morah Rachel, Morah Angela and Morah Mali