



November/December 2025 • Cheshvan/Kislev/Tevet 5786 • טבת תשפ"ו - כסלו - חשון

Shalom 1st Grade Parents,

"We are each gifted in a unique and important way. It is our privilege and our adventure to discover our own special light." - Evelyn Dunbar

Ariot: reading/writing program:

Students are learning to recognize, read and write more letters of the Hebrew alphabet: Hey, Vav, Zayin, Chet, Tet, Yud, Chaf and Chaf Sofit as well as vocabulary words beginning with each letter. They also will learn the vowels that produce the "eh" sound: Tzere and Segol, and the vowel that produces the "oh" sound: Cholam.

Daily life program or Shalom Ba-Keetah:

We will continue to learn about:

Mah yesh ba-keetah? What is in the classroom?

Mi Yeled ba-keetah? Mi Yaldah ba-keetah? Who is a boy, or who is a girl in the classroom?

Holidays:

We will learn about the holiday of Hanukkah. The unit focuses on two main themes: 1) The Jewish people's struggle to preserve their identity, manifested in the battle between Greek culture and Jewish way of life. 2) The mitzvot and the customs of Hanukkah that commemorate the triumph of the few over the many, and the miracle of the lights, enabling the purification of Beit Hamikdash, the Temple. The students will experience in school the symbols of the holiday: lighting the Hanukiyah, playing dreidels (sevivonim) and eating sufganiyot and latkes (levivot). The students will be familiar with the Hebrew vocabulary associated with the holiday.

Please encourage your child to practice iTaAm.

Thank you for your support,

Morah Jessica, Morah Angela and Morah Mali