



First Grade Classroom News

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We are moving along very nicely.

Two weeks ago we wrapped up the holiday of Chanukah. We performed at our Chanukah assembly two lively songs from the Talam program and we brought home two booklets about Chanukah with various readings, exercises and drills.

We started the second book of Ariot. We have already covered two letters *vav* and *zayin* (ו, ז) which are very similar and we learned vocabulary words with these letters. We practiced phonetic reading using the eight letters and vowels that we know. Every letter has its own story. Do not hesitate to ask your child to read you the story when he/she brings the Ariot book home to do his/her homework.

We learned eleven colors in Hebrew in the masculine and the feminine forms. The students know the masculine form much better which is used more commonly. We are working to grasp the feminine form as well with different drills.

We are using more and more Hebrew in the classroom. Most instructions are given now in Hebrew especially after the children learned the song about learning Hebrew through instruction like: *lichtov* (to write), *likro* (to read), *letzayer* (to draw), *litzbo-a* (to color) *lesachek* (to play) *ligzor* (to cut), *lashir* (to sing) etc. The name of the song is: “*Eich lomdim*”- How do we learn?

In prayers, we know the full “*Adon Olam*” and every week we change the melody. We also know how to chant the prayer “*Sh'ma Yisrael*” with appropriate motions to help us understand the prayer better. We are now working on the 15 morning blessings; “*Birkot Hashachar*” we say every day when we wake up.

The children will bring home the Ariot book for the vacation. It will give them a some time for extra practice reviewing and reading the book.

I wish you all happy and restful vacation. See you next year.