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#### **FROM the MENAHEL**

Dear Parents,

As we prepare for Yud Shevat, we reflect on the contribution and fresh perspectives we learn in chassidus. In this week's parshah, the Rebbe highlights the tension between Mitzraim and the Jewish women in giving life to the Jewish children. Pharoh wants the Jewish children to be propelled into Egyptian culture. and Shifra and Puah lehavdil, actively raise the children as proudly and outwardly Jewish. As the posuk says Vatechayeino es hayelodim. Parents may consider the hands-off approach the better way in raising our children. "Live and let live" is their motto. Helicopter parenting and meddling are catchphrases that dissuade parents from being involved. Some proudly speak about staying out not to ruin the pristine purity of their children. Our Rebbe gleans from this week's Parshah that when there is a countering force pulling our children into the lifestyle of Mitzraim, we should do everything we can to bolster our children's involvement in Yiddishkeit. When we speak about special moments in our Yiddishkkeit, special places for Yidden, and show the many advantages of living like a Yid these bring memorable moments to our children's Yiddishkeit and instill the commitment we yearn for. A parent sent me an article this week which states that 18% of altruistic kidney donations are from frum Yidden, of which a tenth of a percent receive kidneys! Do we raise frum Yidden to donate kidneys? No, it comes naturally. As our children grow older, it is important for them to know that the good in Yiddishkeit is more than what they see. We follow Hashem's instructions, and our life becomes a partnership with Him. The report cards for the first term will IYH be mailed out before the winter break so you can discuss the grades with your children over the break and plan for a continued great year.

Wishing you a good Shabbos,

Rabbi Kaplan

## SCHEDULE UPDATES



Monday, January 16: no transportation all districts

Boy's Ohel Trip: Thursday, 4 Shevat, January 26

Chidon Test #3: Monday, 8 Shevat January 30

Picture day is coming up

## Happy Birthday!

Aryeh Leib Litvak, Shneur Zalman Blother, Meir Tzvi Zajac, Yaakov Ogince, Yosef Moshe Litzman, Meir Hott, and Zalmy Tilson

May you have a Shenas Hatzlochah!

Mazal Tov Gavriel Bongart on the occasion of his Bar

Mitzvah!



Please check the lost and found.



### aPEEKat • UR WEEK

This week was a very fun filled week in first grade as we enjoyed dr. Schnitzel's class. We also did an art project using dot art paint. In math, we learned about "Use Addition to Check Subtraction". By doing this students understand that one operation undoes the other and they can use addition to check subtraction. For example, 15-7=8 and 8+7=15. In our new unit on "nutrition theme" we did many interactive activities combining ELA and math practice as we explored this unit, and learnt about vitamins and nutrients in Hashem's delicious fruits and vegetables. We are so proud of our first graders' beautiful handwritings they are writing so neatly in their primary notebook. Mrs. Mandel - Grade 1A Grade 1B has been very busy this week! We completed our second reader "Dig In" and will IYH move on to the next reader next week. We also reinforced our ability to recognize rhyming words with the vowels we have already learned. In Math we completed the unit of addition strategies and moved on to our next unit of subtraction. During our read a loud time this week we read a book about Yiddishe life in the times of Colonial America. The boys found it fascinating to see pictures of the shuls and artifacts from that time period. We had interesting discussions about the types of foods they used to eat, toys they used to play with, houses they lived in and more. To complete our week we had an interactive Dr. Shnitzel science show where we learned all about primary colors, and how to create many different colors from them. Looking forward to another great week! Mrs. Volfman - Grade 1B This week class 2b was on a high!! Mrs. Jacobs showed the boys how to paint a scenic landscape picture. Dr. Schnitzel had us wowed by his Science experiments. Mrs. November invited us to the Cheder Library to choose from a great collection of books. In addition, we clapped our hands to figure out how many syllables were in our names, favorite fruits and vegetables, as well as, the months of the year. Sounded like a music lesson from the outside. We began the next unit in Math, "finding the difference", Subtraction. Our spelling lesson has words all ending in II. In reading, the Smith family was delayed once again, for they overslept and didn't hear the alarm. They had really hoped for a fresh start. You would be most proud to see the boys playing so nicely with each other at recess time. Loads of nachas!! Gut shabbos!! Mrs. Levin - Grade 2B This week, the boys made a beautiful art project. They painted a picture of the water and the mountains and it looked stunning. In math, using the same method as we do in adding double digits, we did addition with 3 and 4 double digits lined up one on top of the other. We also took a math test this week. In ELA we wrote about our favorite memories of winter and we learned how to break up words into syllables. Dr. Shnitzel showed us that by using 3 primary colors, you can make different colors. The boys enjoyed well deserved ice cream, for their good behavior this week! Looking forward to another successful week IYH. Rabbi Naparstek - Grade 2A The Third Grade B"H had another great week! We completed through the 5x table in Multiplication (test IYH next week). In Reading we continued to learn about various heroes who are members of the community; hospital workers and miners. We learned about the "canary in the mine" and how the miners in Chile managed to survive by working together. We also learned about a ten year old boy who heroically saved his friend when he fell through thin ice. In Science we continued learning about the 5 Senses. On Wednesday, Mrs. Jacobs came into our class to teach art. Wehave almost completed our kosel projects! The boys really did a magnificent job. In writing, the boys had a good time writing about finding a scary lump under their blankets. What could it possibly be? Feet! Stuffed animals! Grapes! Everyone enjoyed hearing the stories their friends wrote. Finally, what would the week be like without everyone's favorite News on the Run. Have asach nachas and a wonderful Shabbos. Mrs. Eckstein - Grade 3 Everyone is putting in a lot of effort to master division with decimals. There will be a math test this Monday on our division skills with and without decimals. In our History Alive we are learning about a divide in the thirteen colonies regarding whether or not they should go to war. Some of the complaints of the Patriots included the unfairness of the quartering act, the sugar tax, the tax on tea, the stamp tax etc. Others were loyal to the King of England. In our writings we are all brainstorming to make sure we have enough ideas under our topic. We are also learning how to write with "attitude" so that the readers will smile when they read it. We began unit 8 in our Wordly Wise books. Have a gut Shabbos Mrs. Trieger - Grade 5