



# Diving into Learning

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## Second Grade Studies

Monday was a fantastic start to what is sure to be a year filled with amazing memories, laughs, and lots of learning! We are glad that each of you and your children are a part of our class this year and look forward to all that is to come.

In second grade, we will be continuing with writer's workshop, guided reading, and Everyday Math. In writing, we will be digging deeper into the craft of writing and learning to act and think as writers. The skills that we learn in our mini-lessons will be applied to other curricular areas. In our literacy block, we will continue to have guided reading groups and centers. We will be working on learning to read for meaning. In math, we are going to work on familiar skills such as reading clocks and basic fractions as well exploring new skills such as arrays and equal sharing.

In addition to continuing with familiar curricular areas, we will be introducing a new science program, Full Option Science System (FOSS). FOSS is an inquiry-based curriculum in which children discover scientific principles through a hands-on minds-on approach to learning. This year, we will be using a physical science module called "Solids and Liquids". We will also be using the Project Wild program, which is an environmental education program focusing on both land and aquatic flora and fauna.

It is our hope that your children will develop a life-long love of learning and always have a burning desire to know "why"!

## Homework Tips...

- Make a designated homework area equipped with sharpened pencils, paper, erasers, and markers.
- Establish a routine.
- Review your child's homework daily.
- Encourage your child to try all assignments and communicate confusion with teachers.

## Ivrit & Judaic Studies

### B'ruchim Haba'im (Welcome) Kita Bet

We had a great first week for what will be a year full of learning and new experiences and challenges.

This week we were introduced to:

1. New welcoming phrases (for boys and girls): Bruchim Haba'im, Bruchot haba'ot ( ).
2. We are learning to write our family names.
3. We were introduced to all the family names of our friends in the virtual class as well as to two new students (in the virtual class only)
4. Torah – Second grade Judaic curriculum includes Torah as a daily lesson vs. the weekly Parasha discussions that we had in previous years. We had introduction lessons to Torah this week.
5. Mr. Hoffman is the new Hebrew & Judaic Studies teacher at Akiva this year. He is joining us as a teacher assistant every day for one period. We are very happy and privileged to have him in class with us every day.

There will be no homework packets this year, only homework assignments as needed. Thank you for checking the binders and returning books daily.

Shabbat Shalom, *Dganit*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16 First Day	17	18	19	20
23 Birthday Books @ 7:55 a.m.	24	25	26 Hot Lunch	27
30	31 Picture Day			