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KINDERGARTEN BEGINS LEARNING TO WRITE THE ALEPH BET USING DIFFERENT MODALITIES AND METHODS

Now that the holidays have passed, the Ganim have begun studying the Aleph Bet. Each week we focus on a new letter, learning how to properly write it, identify it and the sound it makes. Each student works in their Otiot Step by Step workbook as well as completing a supplemental handwriting sheet. Each class has a Hebrew word wall, with pictures next to the words. In addition to the traditional fine motor methods of handwriting, we incorporate technology in the classrooms to assist with handwriting practice and letter and sound identification. Our students are captivated by the educational interactive games and songs they have played on the Smart Boards and iPads in our classrooms. This is followed up in small groups with learning centers. Some of our favorite learning centers at this time are pom pom aleph bet, wikki stix aleph bet and fun foam aleph bet. These centers not only give the children the chance to practice what they've learned (forming the letters), they also work their fine motor muscles and hand eye coordination.

The students of Gan have also begun learning Parshat Hashavuah. They enjoy learning about the parsha by listening to the story and looking at the colorful illustrations in the book Tell Me The Story Of The Parsha . At times, they create parsha projects, such as the colorful, sensory experience they had creating a rainbow by fingerpainting for parshat Noach. This week for parshat Lech- Lecha, Avraham (Rabbi Srolovitz) surprised Gan while they were at their gym special and commanded them to “Lech lecha m'artzecha”. They went on their surprise walk and had an experiential parsha moment.

With colors and numbers as well as other units coming up, Gan has so much to look forward to learning!

