

# What's New in Grade 2?

## מה חדש בכיתה ב'?

Thursday, December 20, 2018

### This week, we:

- Enjoyed an awesome virtual "Zoom" presentation (together with Kindergarten and 1st grade) with the author of the book, Meet the Latkes. We were able to hear the story, learn about the author's process of creating the book and illustrating all the characters, and even heard about his next book that he's currently working on! (see picture below)
- Studied *parashat Vayehi*, the very last *parasha* in the Book of *B'reishit*. We talked about how Jacob blessed his grandsons with his hands (just as we bless our children on Friday nights), and the power that our hands have of transmitting blessings to others. We then created our own "hand blessing crowns" (as seen in the picture below) and celebrated having studied all 12 *parashiyot* in the *B'reishit*! We are so excited to move on to the Book of *Shemot* after winter break!
- Learned a bit about burial practices - both Jewish and Egyptian - since our parsha addresses the burial of Jacob (in Canaan) and Joseph (in Egypt). Students were very interested and had TONS of questions and wanted to know lots about the *mitzvah* of showing *kavod* (respect) for the deceased.
- Played place value games where students had to guess their secret number based on clues their classmates gave them.
- Learned the difference between a sentence fragment, run-on sentence, and complete sentence. Students then practiced editing fragment and run-on sentences to make them complete.
- Read about the Northeast and Southwest regions of the United States, and learned about famous attractions, animals, and resources found in each region.
- Celebrated our positive behavior from the past few months with a classroom party!

### Of Special Note:

- Monday, December 24 - Friday January 4 Winter Break NO SCHOOL
- Monday, January 7 Classes Resume
- Friday, January 18 All School Kabbalat Shabbat 1:40 p.m.-2:20 p.m.
- Monday, January 21 (Tu B'Shevat) Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL

### Questions for your kids:

- In Judaism, why is it important to bless the OLDER before the YOUNGER?
- Why did Jacob start by blessing Joseph's sons, Ephraim and Menashe?

- How did Jacob bless the boys and why was it special?

