

Dear Parents,

Welcome to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade!

Please join us today for a short modeling of a typical class. We are thrilled to have you here!

A typical class day is divided into three main parts:

Decoding	Reading	writing
<p>This is where students work on letters/letter sounds, and dividing words into syllables in order to read them.</p> <p>During decoding students work either individually or in a small group.</p>	<p>This is our introduction to Hebrew Prayers. Within each prayer there are key Hebrew words. These vocabulary words help us to better understand the prayers and what they are about.</p> <p>During reading students work either individually or in a small group.</p>	<p>We are writing in Block Lettering, and learning to form each letter of the Aleph Bet. This not only teaches the students writing, but the act of writing the letters helps to further cement the image of that letter, which in turn assists them with decoding.</p> <p>Writing is practiced individually after a whole-group lesson.</p>

This December, students will be leading certain prayers in our Tefillah time. Right now we are learning phrases from the Siddur, focusing on reading accuracy. This preparation will give students the knowledge and confidence to be successful in Tefillah as well as a service-setting.

The prayers we are working on this year are:

- Sh'ma/Ve'Ahavta
- Etz Chayim
- Aleinu
- Mi Chamocha
- Yotzer Or
- Avot V'Imahot
- Bar'Chu

Thank you again for joining us today. It is a pleasure to have students and families working and learning together!

B'Shalom,  
Tikva