

Hebrew Day Institute

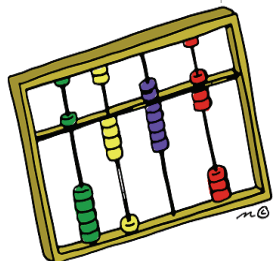
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## L'chvod Shabbat

### Math Message

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The partnership between school and home is very important and especially critical in math. Each unit in our math program includes a Family Letter that is sent home at the beginning of the unit. The letter includes information on what we'll be learning; it explains the math concepts being taught and includes information on *how* students are being taught math. This is important so that you can see explanations of some of the algorithms and methods being learned. The Family Letters also include vocabulary that will be learned during the unit. Two important parts of the letters are the sections "Do Anytime Activities" and "Building Skills Through Games." "Do Anytime Activities" will give you many ideas for practicing math with your children. It is important that you try these activities and repeat them regularly to reinforce what we are learning in school. "Building Skills Through Games" provides references to the games that students can access through their online Student Reference Guides, and in some cases through the electronic EM Games. All students have passwords and login information for the Student Reference Guides and game sites. If you misplace the Family Letters or if your children forget to give them to you, you can access them online in PDF format.

The link is:

<http://www.wrightgroup.com/index.php/home/everydaymathematics/emthirredition/familyletters/692>.

The Wright Group is the publisher of the Everyday Math program. Clicking on a Grade Level and a Unit will open a PDF file of the Family Letter for that unit. Here are the units students are currently studying or will start studying next week. (Grades 1, 3 and 4 are also completing Math Mid-terms this week.)

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Unit 7: Geometry and Attributes

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Unit 6: Whole Number Operations and Number Stories (we will be starting Unit 7 next week)

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Unit 8: Fractions (please also reference the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Units)

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Unit 7: Fractions and Their Uses; Chance and Probability

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Unit 5: Geometry: Congruence, Construction and Parallel Lines

(Please note: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade math updates will be provided by Mrs. Kaplan and Mrs. Wilcox)

### Upcoming Dates to Remember

#### School Closed

School will be closed on Monday, March 3rd for a Professional Day.

#### Tzedakah of the Month: *Teens at Risk in Efrat*

Please remind your children to bring in their Tzedakah!

#### School Spirit

Spirit Week is scheduled for March 17—21. More information to follow!

*Please remind your child to wear their blue, collared school shirt every Shabbat!*



Purim is just around the corner!

Our Purim baskets for Shalach Manot are absolutely wonderful!! They are filled with delectable goodies from Israel, Kosher, Pareve hamentaschen from a New York bakery, and many other surprises!! You should have received your Shalach Manot order forms in your child's backpack earlier this week. Please follow the instructions on the form and send your order in as soon as possible. Each name on the school list is \$5.00. If you would like to give a basket of goodies to the entire school community, the cost is only \$118. What a great bargain!!

By popular demand, we are also offering these terrific baskets for sale to those outside our school community at the low price of \$8.00 each. They make great gifts for family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.

This project is being coordinated by the sixth grade and all proceeds will go to the upcoming, annual sixth grade to New York. Please be generous!!

For further questions, please contact Laura Torchinsky at [lwtorch@hotmail.com](mailto:lwtorch@hotmail.com)



Kosher Wine Tasting...sponsored by Kol Shalom and Tikvat Israel

Join us for a tasteful evening of fine wine, cheese and chocolate!

When: Saturday, March 8th at 8:00 pm

Where: Tikvat Israel Congregation, 2200 Baltimore Road in Rockville

Cost: \$20 ticket price if purchased in advance; \$25 at the door

To order tickets, please call the Tikvat Israel office at 301-762-7338.



Thank you to Dalit Baranoff and Mark Solomon for their photo submissions to the L'chvod of our First Grade Siddur Ceremony and Annual Science Fair.

We appreciate your time and effort!

## Save the Date...

### Saturday, May 17th at 9:15 pm

On Saturday, May 17th, we will hold a community-wide school event celebrating our successes (Maddy Rothbard and Naomi Kaplan are each celebrating their 30th year in education!) and our school's future in a new home.

Please join us for an evening of good food, music and dancing, and a good time with family and friends.

This is an adult only party and we encourage you to join us and invite your friends and family!

More information to follow...

Interested in volunteering? Please contact Renee or Dina by phone or email.

## Save the Date...

### Sunday, June 1



Our community-wide Israel @ 60: A Capital Celebration will be one of the most exciting festivals honoring Israel — ever!

Join us to cheer Israel's 60th birthday and its tremendous accomplishments in the arts and sciences, technology and business...and many other areas. Highlights will include:

- Main stage with headline performances by internationally recognized entertainers, well-known Israeli musicians, artists, and more.
- Multiple festival happenings with music, dance and theatre performances, cultural presentations, children's activities and family workshops.
- Interactive activities for people of all ages!

*For event volunteer opportunities, please contact Renee Salzberg!*

*Israel @ 60 is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington.*



## Read Across America With Dr. Seuss

Hebrew Day Institute is celebrating  
 "Read Across America"  
 March 4 - March 7

**Read Across America** is a nationwide celebration of reading on or around March 3, Dr. Seuss' birthday. Now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, this program calls for every child in every community in America to celebrate reading. This year is also the 51<sup>st</sup> birthday of The Cat in The Hat. To celebrate, we will have a week-long focus on reading, culminating with Cat in the Hat activities on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:30—11:30 am. All are welcome to attend!

**WHY CELEBRATE DR. SEUSS?** Dr. Seuss epitomizes a love of children and learning. Also, his use of rhyme makes his books an effective tool for teaching young children the basic skills they need to be successful. When we celebrate Dr. Seuss and reading, we send a clear message to our children that reading is fun and important.

Here's a list of some of our activities and a form to sign up to read to your child's class:

- During library, we will all read The Cat in the Hat aloud.
- During technology classes, students will be sending e cards to publicize our Friday celebration.
- **Guest Readers:** Parents and Grandparents are invited to read to classes the week of March 4<sup>th</sup> - March 7<sup>th</sup>. Information and Sign-Up Form can be found on the next page.
- We will be reading books each day at lunchtime.
- We will launch our new Reading Buddies program on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Children in the 3/4, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades will be paired with children in Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades and read their favorite Dr. Seuss book. Reading Buddies will continue to get together twice a month to share the joy of reading.
- Cat in the Hat Day is Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:30—11:30. Please join us!

**On Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, please have your children come to school wearing the Cat's colors: Red, White and Black.**

To launch Hebrew Day Institute's Read Across America Celebration we'd like to invite parents and grandparents to put on their reading hats and stop by our school to read to your child's class during the week of March 4th. Please see the schedule below. You can read Dr. Seuss books or any other book you would like. For the older grades, you can choose a short book or a short story to read with them. We will help you select a book if you cannot decide.

Please e-mail Charles Nelson at [cnelson@hebrewdayinsitute.org](mailto:cnelson@hebrewdayinsitute.org) by Monday, March 3 or fill out the form below and send in to the school office. In your e-mail, please provide the following information: Your Name, Phone # and Your Child's Name & Grade.

If you can't come during your child's Media Center time, is there another day that week you could join us? (Check all that you could be available and check morning or afternoon.)

Tuesday, March 4

Wednesday, March 5

Thursday, March 6

Friday, March 7

Prefer: Morning or Afternoon?

Do you want to bring your own book?

Would you like the teachers to pick a book or story for you?

If you already know the book you want, please tell us:

Below is the class schedule for the Media Center:

March 4 Tuesday	March 5 Wednesday	March 6 Thursday,	March 7 Friday
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade 12:30 - 1:10	K 9:45 - 10:25	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 12:30 - 1:10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade: 10:30 - 11:10
	3/4 Grade 10:30- 11:10	6 <sup>th</sup> 1:15 - 1:55	



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## Candle Lighting Time

February 29th at 5:42 pm

**Shabbat Shalom!**