



Toda Rabah to our Incredible Teachers!

ECD. Kindergarten collection of cans for 100 day mitzvah project • Running Start K turning into readers in only 100 days • Our superb Neon Dance Party • Showing love and compassion for a classmates grandfather who was hospitalized • the pride in calling ourselves “readers”!! • ECD teachers embracing the Reggio concepts--sensory experiences with Loose Parts, units of study based on the interests of the classes, the focus on collaborative work • seeing how every child has progressed in their own way since the beginning of the year • how deep and smart children are • singing at the Chanukah Party in Ivrit • Weather Unit for Winter • The children learning how to use Seesaw to build an online portfolio for each student and communicate with parents.

1st Grade. Colonial Festival • Learning about MLK and reciting part of the “I Have A Dream” speech • Celebrating knowledge daily! • Practicing Habits of Mind “managing impulsive behavior, empathy and persistence” • Sharing Tefillah with all classmates • Sharing hugs, help and kind words with a special friend who visits weekly • When studying MLK Day, first graders stated that they would never drink from a water fountain that excluded some people even if they personally were permitted to do so. It's not fair! • Reading stories into iPads and with the help in the LLC • Students who have just begun reading in English for the first time this year, now reading as well as the others in their reading group. • Students who raise their hands to answer questions knowing they are not sure if their answer is correct or not. • a student who come every day to give me a hug and before her new reading group begins (with the teacher's permission)

2nd Grade. 2nd Grade notes of gratitude to staff and faculty at AJA • Family Game Night with a school full of Math and Game fans • 2nd Graders using animals as candidates to learn the election process and to vote • MLK Freedom Summer Writing - Writing endings to this book following the civic rights act of 1964 • RAK's - Random Acts of Kindness towards each other ...writing notes expressing when someone does something for somebody without being asked to do so • OREO - Duck/Rabbit opinion Writing - Express your opinion, Give a reason, Give an example, Restate your opinion • Sefer Torah workshop where the students made “ink” and wrote their Hebrew names on parchment with a feather

3rd Grade. Learning what a growth mindset is, and to use a growth mindset daily to grow their brains! • Individualizing instruction to maximize each student's rate of progress. • An incredible Havdalah program and an atrium filled with their projects showing the difference between every day and Shabbat • Students learned how to round their numbers using a toy rollercoaster. • guessing the food lesson • converting English recipes to Hebrew for publishing in a class cookbook • In Judaics, an Art activity to show the various lifecycles (butterfly, moon phase, seeds) • writing personal narratives • making edible maps when studying map skills • reading biographies • multiplication /division/3 digit addition and subtraction • learning about hooks and leading sentences in personal narratives

4th Grade. Students writing lyrical poems and completing a captivating chapter book • a student who struggles, made categories of words to use in stories • A reader jumped three levels on a benchmark test since the start of school • One student has learned to giggle when frustrated, instead of crying • STOMP inspired rhythm unit in 4th grade. This was project based unit created entirely by students using recyclable materials and presented in music class • Hebrew birthday unit, having an actual party in class to bring it all to life • Tu B'shevat unit writing “ads” about saving the trees • Using circle maps often • the immigration unit (studying our own families and friends) • interviewing a friend or relative who immigrated here • games and videos for the project • “change your words, change your mindset” unit and reinforcement • conjugating verbs and creating a booklet • creation of interactive grammar notebooks

5th Grade. The “Buddy Bench” for students who want to be invited to join a group at recess • Reading to their Kindergarten “buddies” • Inclusion of M'silot students into mainstream science & social studies • Growth of technology, including a typing program for our students • Bonding with the Keshet group, warmly welcoming Hebrew speaking students • Writing 5 paragraph personal essays that were meaningful, interesting and organized • Students teaching each other about Ancient Egypt, creating cool artifacts • Learning how to find figurative language in reading, using it in writing (similes are a favorite) • Sharing their insights, listening actively, asking important questions, visualizing, connecting, and searching for life lessons in their reading • Learning about Ancient Mesopotamia, using thinking maps to organize and share their learnings • Preparing their own lessons for Mishnah day of learning, adding their own questions about Mitzvot learned in the Torah, and how the Mishnah explains the Mitzvot! • News reports, student-created news broadcasts as if they were reporters interviewing Yoseph in jail • Architect project using blueprints for the new construction •

6th Grade. Building a machine to put a net over Haman in March • Mastering Academic Writing that focused on Introduction, Topic Sentences and Conclusions • Using Textual Evidence • Literature Circles • Middle School Silk Road Shark Tank, where students “sold” their idea to a panel of judges • The Tuck Everlasting deconstructed thesis project • Navigating through the Mishnah, to infer big ideas • Applying Mishnah laws and concepts in “Mock Trials” • Creating videos on “Manna Safety” in the desert • How Much is a Handful Project - data analysis and graphing • Creating coordinate graph pictures • “How to Think Like an Engineer”. students designed a new Whirly Gig for a cereal box that would fall to the ground slowly, ensuring maximum entertainment value • Producers from Cartoon Network want to launch a new adventure cartoon featuring a Natural Disaster. Science students will research and then “pitch” their natural disaster to see which one will be used in the new cartoon. • Meeting The Cake Lady!

7th Grade. Seventh Grade analysis of multiple commentaries on why Moshe could not enter Eretz Canaan • The 7th graders were tasked to work as a company to develop an educational product that could be used to teach 2nd graders about the cell • They were challenged to make a stop-motion video of mitosis using clay, beads, and string. The students used these materials, a tripod, and a camera to take pictures • solving and checking equations • students who can tear apart a historical primary document and defend whether or not that document is historically accurate by comparing it to other primary sources

8th Grade. Student Council Mystery Maccabi Project for Chai Life Charity • 8th Graders created “Choose your Adventure” books about the Maccabees to share with 5th Graders • Roller coaster Physics projects, forensic science presentations, stop-motion videos of mitosis and 3D cell models • 9/11 Commencement Ceremony • seeing an 8th grade student who applied Talmudic teachings to contemporary issues! • Pixton comics and double bubble thinking maps analyzing whether or not Yoseph and his brothers evolved spiritually during he course of events in Sefer Beresheet • Acting as forensic scientists, and reconstructing the events of a vehicular accident with knowledge of friction, forces, and Newton's Laws of Motion. • Students can mount a political campaign against their opponents because they have studied the issues and taken a particular stance on them.

Upper School. Thankful Thursday where students send email of thanks to someone in their lives • Proving the authenticity of the Torah being from Sinai • Safe Driver Winners • Ethical discussions galore • The PS I love you party dealing with the tests of Avraham Avinu • Students published in Poetry Anthology • Reading “I am Malala” in entirety and studying new customs • Mastering “How to Read Literature Like a Professor” and using high level analysis skills daily • Mastering High School grammar concepts • Our innovative Upper School Play, “Hank Kimmel Live” created an intimate experience of skit comedy. • Essays, poems and one act plays • Current event students researching and presenting an important and controversial topic from the election • A student who changed his mind and considers going to Israel next year! • An AP English Lit class enjoying the challenges in work and grading, embracing the rigor! • Hamlet the Yid, Hamlet as Harry Potter. ...reimagining Hamlet • Assembly on Black Lives Matter • Senior Talks during Community Time creating a memorable masterpiece • Student Council and all their accomplishments • Filming parsha videos weekly • Novels and films students who proposed a unique project to strengthen critical reading and writing skills • Collaboration! • MLK, Jr. Service Day • American History students see that many “facts” they had previously learned with actually myths needing to be busted • Chumash students now better understand that there is not a single way to look at the narratives of Sefer Bereishit, coming to appreciate the truth of the Talmudic statement that “these and these are the words of the Living God.” • Our Cause Fair where students presented to their peers to raise public awareness of some of the critical social issues we face today.

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