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Dear 2nd Grade Parents,

I have prepared a brief outline of the curriculum for the 2nd grade. My main goal is that the students should enjoy learning, be proud of their heritage, and strive to do mitzvos. We are all excited about accomplishing a lot this year.

1. **Tefilah** – Prayer: We have begun with portions of the services that the class is familiar with from last year. We will add Shemonah Esrai – the Standing Prayer part by part throughout the year. Davening at home on day there is no school is important, we will help reinforce its importance.

2. **Chumash** : We will be covering three portions in the Book of Genesis, Lech-Lecha, Vayeirah and Chayai Sorah. During our Chumash learning, we will emphasize specific areas.

I. Vocabulary – The students will become familiarized through reading and translating, with the Hebrew words will be repeatedly found in the text.

II. Hebrew Grammar Dikduk

a. The roots-“shoroshim”: The three main letters of a Hebrew word. Each newly learned shorash will be placed on our shorash tree. We hope to have a full blooming tree. We will have tests regularly to reinforce their knowledge of the Shorashim.

b. Prefixes/Suffixes that add to the meaning of the word.

3. **K’riah-Reading and K’siva – Writing**: The students will have reading and writing practice that will be taken from the prayer services and the Chumash text.

4. **The Weekly Torah Portion – Parsha**: The students will learn the Torah portion through story form. Pictures on topics from the parsha will reinforce the material that is taught. A weekly parsha sheet containing a summary of the parsha and questions and answers will be sent home on Fridays. You might find going over the parsha sheets with your child a rewarding experience.

5. **Yahadut**: This subject involves the holidays in the Jewish calendar. The children will learn the meaning behind the holidays and the mitzvos and special brochos for the specific holiday.

6. **Hebrew Language Arts**: Hebrew grammar will be taught using the Loshon Hatorah workbook. The students will be able to apply these skills to the chumash text.

7. **Jewish History**: This subject will give the children a feeling of what life is like in the State of Israel. It will be taught through discussion, pictures and guest speakers.

Homework: The goal of homework is to help the students reinforce that which was covered in class. Chumash and reading are subjects that require a listening ear. I send home a homework slip filled out in class. Please complete and sign on a daily basis. I am hoping this method will keep you abreast of the class studies as well as keep our line of communication open.

Sincerely,
R’ Gold