

Syllabus for Rabbi Russ' First Grade Class

Goal: To instill within the students a love for learning Torah and being Jewish

Reading-

-to be familiar with all the vowels to enable the students to read the siddur and chumash

-Using:

1. sefer alef bais (homework for daily review)
2. reishis chochma (for use in class)
3. Optional extra credit packets

Writing-

-to be able to write all the letters in legible Hebrew script

-Using:

1. Special notebook for daily homework
2. Special workbook for class
3. Worksheets in class

Chumash (the Bible, five books of Moses)

-to start the children learning the Chumash

Davening

-Mode Ani, reishis chochma, torah tziva, torah tehe, shem beni, mah tovu, adon olam, yigdal, birchas netillas yadayim, asher yatzar, elokay neshama, birchas hatorah, all the birchas hashachar, baruch sheamar, ashrei, shema all three perakim, part of shemone esrei, alenu, ani maamin, (shir hamaalos mimamakim)

Hebrew

-to add to their vocabulary: colors, conjugated words (the, in, to), next to, under, over, right and left, body parts (hands, feet, face, stomach), school supplies, furniture, foods.

## Holidays

To teach customs and basic laws of each holiday- rosh hashana, yom kippur, succos, simchas torah, aseres yemei teshuva, chanukka, tu beshvat, purim, pesach, sefirah, rosh chodesh and shabbas

## Other topics:

- each student will learn the appropriate bracha to recite before and after eating an item of food.
- Middos- different attributes to improve oneself (i.e. patience, judging favorably, etc.)
- Israel the holiness and the major cites of the land as well as simple knowledge about the land.