

Beth El Religious School

What to Expect in Your Child's Kittah Daled (4th Grade)

Curriculum:

HEBREW

Fourth graders work on recognition of prayer constructs. They practice word attack skills, recognize key *siddur* words and their meanings, drill prayer reading to encourage fluency, study more complex prayers and analyze the concepts of commonly recited prayers.

ROUTE 613

This revolutionary education initiative is an innovative and flexible model that engages students in experiential learning based on their individual interests, schedule, and learning style. Route 613 offers classes along five distinct roads: Torah, God & Spirituality, Jewish Peoplehood, Hebrew, and *Tikkun Olam*.

HOLIDAYS AND MITZVOT/ETHICS AND VALUES/TORAH

This curriculum focuses on Jewish values, moral development and spirituality with experiential learning. The curriculum seeks to connect children with the textual, ritual and artistic sources of Jewish life, while encouraging their curiosity, imagination and expression. The goal is for children to emerge with a "vocabulary" of Jewish life that goes beyond words, and which informs their sense of what Judaism contributes to their lives, and what they can contribute to the world around them.

TORAH

From the Prophets and Writings. From the Crossing of the Sea of Reeds to the story of Ezra and Nehemia, *Daled* students will discuss the challenges, ethical dilemmas, and moral issues that confront the Jewish people and apply it to their own lives.

PRAYER GOALS

Your child will be learning many new prayers this year. These prayers will be routinely reviewed each and every week, so not to worry. The prayers are learned through familiar melodies and by rote. A list is provided below.

T'FILLOT (PRAYERS)

Mizmor Shir
Shochan Ad
Barechu, Yotzer Or
Mi Chamocha....
Taking out the Torah
Ayn Kamo-cha
Va'Yehi Binsoah
Bey Anah Rachetz
Lecha Adonai
Birkot Hatorah
Returning the Torah
Chatzi Kadish
Musaf Amida – Avot, G'vurot
Musaf: Na'aritze'cha --- L'dor v'dor
Kiddush for Shabbat day – V'Shamru
Birkat Hamazon

MUSIC

Your child will learn many new songs in Hebrew and/or English each week with Cantor Leon Sher.

CHUGIM

Every Sunday all grades will participate in *chugim* (clubs). Each grade will rotate every week to a different activity such as Jewish art, Jewish cooking, Jewish nature, and more.