

Dear 2nd grade families,

The Akiva Second Grade Team would like to welcome you and your whole family to the Akiva Family. We are so excited to get to know you and your children even better! While we look forward to our own adventures this summer, we are also working hard to prepare for the Fall and a great 2nd grade year.

**The mandatory books to read (or read to your child) for Our Theme of Community:**

**Coquies Still Sing by Karina Gonzalez**

**Remember by Joy Harjo**

**Other Wonderful Books to Read**

Drawn Together by Minh Le.

The Truth About My Unbelievable Summer by: David Cali

Outside In by: David Underwood

The Most Magnificent Thing by: Ashley Spires

Willow by: Denise Brennan-Nelson

Ish by: Peter Reynolds

Exclamation Mark by: Amy Krouse Rosenthal

What Do You Do With An Idea? by: Kobi Yamada

Nana in the City by: Lauren Castillo

Sporks by: Kyo Mclear

The Hula-Hoopin' Queen by Thelma Lynne Godin

If Kids Ran the World by Diane and Leo Dillon

Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman

We are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest by Lynne Cherry

A Different Pond by Bao Phi

Actual Size by Steve Jenkins

Mrs. Katz and Tush by Patricia Polacco

Stellaluna by Janell Cannon, Jewell Cannon

**SERIES:**

The Princess in Black series by Shannan Hale

Little Leaders & Dreamers series by Vashti Harrison

Secrets of Droon series by Tony Abbott

Mindy Kim series by Lyla Lee

I Am series by Brad Meltzer

Jigsaw Jones series by James Preller

Flat Stanley Series by Jeff Brown

Alvin Ho series by Lenore Look

Junie B. Jones series by Barbara Park

Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne

Mercy Watson series by Kate DiCamillo

### Hebrew reading:

This year, each child has worked so hard to improve fluency as we asked every child to read for at least 5-10 minutes each day. We are asking you to help your child maintain this habit over the summer even if it is just for 5 minutes each day. The iTalam portal will continue to be open through the end of July. If you need any support with iTalam, please contact Morah Vardit at [vardit@akivanashville.net](mailto:vardit@akivanashville.net). If you are interested in any other Hebrew books to borrow for the summer, please let us know.

### Math

The Akiva math program is a balance of teaching conceptual understanding and procedural accuracy. Each grade level has certain concepts as well as procedures and math facts that they are responsible for teaching. **Second graders should enter the class already knowing all of their addition and subtraction up to 10+10, automatically. In second grade, they will learn addition and subtraction facts up to 20+20.** It is vital that students know all the facts in order for them to be successful with the new concepts and procedures that they will learn next school year. **Students do have a summer slide if they do not practice, so please encourage your child to practice math facts for a few minutes each day.** The practice will definitely pay off!

### Ways to Practice All of the Addition and Subtraction Facts up to 10.

1+1=2		2-1=1
1+2=3	2+1=3	3-1=2
1+3=4	3+1=4	4-1=3
1+4=5	4+1=5	5-1=4
1+5=6	5+1=6	6-1=5
1+6=7	6+1=7	7-1=6
1+7=8	7+1=8	8-1=7
1+8=9	8+1=9	9-1=8
1+9=10	9+1=10	10-1=9

1. Go to Tangmath.com
  - a. Click on Games
    - i. Play Kakooma <https://tangmath.com/kakooma>
    - ii. Play Numtanga <https://tangmath.com/numtanga>

iii. Play Numskill <https://tangmath.com/numskill>

2. Use flashcards that you purchase or make, and run through them a few times a day.
3. Ask your child random math facts during the day
4. Play Addition Top It. Get a deck of cards, deal them out. Each player flips over 2 at a time. Add the cards and the person with the greatest total, collects all of the cards. The winner is the player with the most cards at the end.

Have a wonderful summer.

B'Shalom,

The 2nd Grade Team