

Dear 1st grade families,

The Akiva First grade team is 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 1st grade year.

The Book to Read (or read to your child) for Our Theme of **Tikkun Olam**:

Every rising first grader must read the wonderful book, *Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed* by Emily Pearson. You can check it out of the library, purchase it, or [listen to it on YouTube](#). If your child listens to the book, please make sure that he/she reads along with a hard copy.

Other Wonderful Books to Read Over the Summer:

Same Same. But Different by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw

What if the Zebras Lost Their Stripes? by John Reitano

Pocket Money by Kaye Llewellyn

The Circles Around Us by Deborah Wiles, illustrated by Andrea Stegmaier

We Are All Under One Wide Sky by Brad Montague, illustrated by Kristi Montague

All the Ways to Be Smart by Davina Bell, illustrated by Allison Colpoys

The Lion and the Little Red Bird by Elisa Kleven

The Puddle Pail by Elisa Kleven

Change Sings by Amanda Gorman

Alma and How She Got Her Name by Juana Martinez-Neal

In My Heart: A Book of Feelings by Jo Witek, illustrated by Christine Roussey

I Can Handle It by Laurie Wright, illustrated by Ana Santos

Allie All Along by Sarah Lynn Reul

What I Like Most by Mary Murphy, illustrated by Zhu Cheng-Liang

Danbi Leads the School Parade by Anna Kim

The Curious Garden by Peter Brown

For Laughing Out Loud: Poems to Tickle Your Funny Bone, compiled by Jack Prelutskey

A few Series that your child and you may enjoy:

Elephant and Piggie (Piggy and Gerald) books by Mo Willems

Biscuit books by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Henry and Mudge books by Cynthia Rylant

Splat the Cat books by Rob Scotton

Fly Guy books by Tedd Arnold

Pinkalicious books by Victoria Kann

Fancy Nancy books by Jane O'Connor

Scaredy Squirrel books by Melanie Watt

Skippyjon Jones books by Judy Schachner

The Questioners books by Andrea Beaty

Series for an Extra Challenge! :)

Stella Diaz Has Something to Say by Angela Dominquez

Zoey and Sassafras by Asia Citro

Ling and Ting by Grace Lin

Katie Woo by Fran Manushkin

Hebrew reading:

As you know, reading consistently is so crucial for reading fluency, comprehension, building vocabulary and children's confidence. 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. Please practice the letters, the vowels and the words in the packet you received at the end of the year. If you are interested in any other books to borrow for the summer, please do not hesitate to 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. **First graders should enter the class already knowing all of their addition and subtraction up to 5+5, automatically. In first grade, they will learn addition and subtraction facts up to 10+10.** 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 5.

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. 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

Have a wonderful summer.

B'Shalom,

The 1st Grade Team