

Dear Friends of Meorot,

Welcome to the inaugural academic year of Meorot!

In the three short weeks since we opened our doors, our students are already demonstrating growth and improvement in their reading skills that are beyond our expectations. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with each of our students and their families and I would like to share with the community a taste of the days here at Meorot.

Framed by Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Succoth, our teachers have been working with our amazing students on letter recognition, phonemic awareness and sight words through multi-sensory associations (sound, visual, touch, movement, art, play). After their hard work in the classroom, our students transition to snack and play-time to reenergize, where they are working on their social skills (sharing, taking turns, maintaining conversations), and practicing real-world application of their newly-taught sound associations. We then proceed to the shul for Tefilla and the children raise their voices to pray to Hashem. Next we open the Aron Kodesh, look inside the Torah, and full of excitement, they search for and identify the letters that they had been learning in the classroom. It is inspiring for us to see the smiles on their faces and the exuberance that these children bring to their Tefillot. As we move to the dismissal area, we always review our day at Meorot. As our students reflect on each component of the class, their faces light up. Although they probably could not use these words, it was clear that they were so happy to be learning Hebrew, experiencing Judaism and feeling part of their Jewish community.

The parents of our students are all indescribably appreciative for the existence of Meorot. They are thrilled to be part of the first class and are reporting that their children are coming home with radiant smiles, sharing their newly acquired Hebrew words and singing songs from circle time and Tefillah.

We proudly offer a K-1 aged classroom and extend an invitation to the community to open an additional class of older aged elementary children. We welcome all inquiries and are accepting rolling admissions. Please consult our website www.meorotgn.org for more information.

Thank you being part of Meorot and trusting us with the awesome and sacred responsibility of providing a Jewish education for students with special education needs. May Hashem bless each of us with a year full of growth, learning and inspiration.

שנה טובה ומתוקה!

Sincerely,
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