



Student Enrichment at KBA

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Update: 2009-2010 Gifted Offerings at KBA by grade

Steps for a Good Start at school:

- **Talk with your child**
- **Follow a routine**
 - Check that homework is packed & completed the night before
 - Layout clothes for next day
- **Promote independence**
 - Say "You can do it" next day
- **Recognize effort**
 - Praise a job well done, especially if your child has been struggling with the work

BRING IN TZEDAKAH ON FRIDAYS!

Remember to bring in money to support your class's cause.

- Preschool 2/Nitzanim – Alex's Lemonade Stand
- Preschool 3/Parparim – Make A Wish Foundation
- Preschool 4/Kochavim – Keren Or Gan – CHOP
- Kitah Aleph – Birthday Angels (Provides birthday parties for needy children in Israel)
- Kitah Bet – Chai Lifeline
- Kitah Gimel – Yad Sarah
- Kitah Dalet – Operation Lifeline
- Kitah Hey – American Cancer Society
- Kitah Vav – Make A Wish Foundation
- Kitah Zion – Juvenile Diabetes
- Kitah Chet – Make A Wish

Kindergarten—There is an exciting program set to start in kindergarten next week that will offer enrichment in reading. KBA is partnering with residents from *Lion's Gate* to work with individual students on reading. This reading enrichment will provide a very special opportunity for both our kindergartners and the Lion's Gate Community.

Grades 1-4—Currently in progress: We have been implementing new *Rigby Reading* curriculum for guided leveled reading under the direction of Rachel Zivic who assesses and levels each student.

1st & 2nd grades—Whenever students finish class work early, they are provided with challenging *SRA Reading and Math Cards*, or grouped for advanced math games.

3rd & 4th grades—*Leveled math groups* are forming to teach students on their level using *Everyday Math*. Also,

shortly, they will be beginning a new *Pen Pal program* for enriching gifted readers and writers.

5th grade—Fifth grade now has a "do anytime" file drawer where students can work on more difficult work when they are done with class work. These are primarily more challenging worksheets in math and work designed to improve critical and creative thinking. In addition, beginning this week, for 4th & 5th graders, Rachel Zivic & Helene Sterling will be offering *Math Olympiads* for students who scored exceptionally high on their math standardized testing. This is a national contest that allows for practice in solving word problems.

6th—8th grades—Students in top math groups receive *Drexel University's Problems of the Week* to enhance critical thinking and problem solving skills. In addition,

on occasion, Helene Sterling works on a case by case basis with gifted math students to ensure a challenging curriculum.

7th & 8th grades—*Mini-Model Congress* will again be offered this year. Heated debates fill up the classroom into two sides that engage in a war of words. Whether it is politics or the economy, Mini-Model Congress, led by Ellen Barmach, is the perfect way to enrich our students debating skills.

These are just a sample of enrichment offerings at KBA. If you would like to see something added to our offerings,



Mitzvah of the Month: Hachnasat Orchim

The Mitzvah of the Month program has begun at Kellman! Each month, our students will learn about a mitzvah in our guidance lessons. As part of our lesson we will learn the origins of the Mitzvah and ways we can perform it

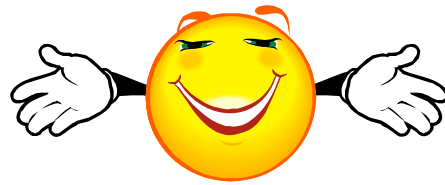
both in school and at home. This month's Mitzvah was Hachnasat Orchim. The origin of Hachnasat Orchim dates back to biblical times when Avraham welcomed guests into his tent. Some of the ways our students recognized that they

could perform this mitzvah include:

- Welcoming visitors to our school by explaining what is going on in our classrooms
- Inviting friends for play dates (cont. page



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**Some other student suggested ways to perform
The Mitzvah of the Month**

Hachnasat Orchim:

- Invite old and new friends to a Shabbat meal**
- Invite outside friends to special events at KBA**
- Invite new students in our school to a play date**
- Sit with new students at lunch**



Of course, in all grades, our students are supported through differentiated instruction and hard work provided by all of our Kellman teachers under the direction of Rachel Zivic, our learning specialist. If you have any questions about the Supportive Services offered at Kellman, please contact Shira Weinstein x1711 or Rachel Zivic x1515 for more information.



Student Supports Offered at Kellman

Each year Kellman has many outside instructors who work with our students weekly to support all of their varied needs. Many of our instructors come to us from the Camden County Educational Services Commission. Without them, our work in differentiation would not be complete. I would like to take a moment to introduce you to them and welcome them back to our school.

Our Compensatory Education/ Supplemental Instruction Teacher Ruth Baker returns to us this fall. Ruth is here Monday—Friday working with small groups of students on reading, writing, and math. Ruth works alongside our teachers on specific areas that the teachers deem most important for our students to focus on. This is Ruth's second year with our students and she really shows them much love and personal attention. If you have a child who you feel needs additional small group support in reading or math, please speak with

Shira Weinstein about having them join one of Ruth Baker's groups. Our Speech Teacher Maggie Altomare returns to Kellman for a 3rd year. Maggie screens all kindergarten students or older new Kellman students as identified, to determine eligibility for our speech program. Maggie is here on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings to work with small groups of students and it is a pleasure to see her smiling face in our halls. Our Occupational Therapist, Mary Jo Schuhl is back at Kellman this year on Tuesday mornings working one on one with students in need of OT who are classified students. In addition, this fall we welcome Joyce McCormick, our new English Second Language Teacher from the Commission to Kellman Brown Academy.

Lastly, not from the Commission, our Cooper Reading Teacher Nancy Hamill returns to our school on Mondays and Thursdays to work in small group with many of our lower school stu-