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What is new in elementary school this year?

What were the results of this double quizzing strategy?

WITH RABBI E.MULLER elementary curriculum director

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How can the grades be organized and graphed so that the data is relevant?

What is the plan for next year?

One of the new initiatives this year has been the implementation of assessments for **Yahadus/Yom Tov for students in Grades 3 – 6.**

Before beginning to learn about the actual Yom Tov, students are given a quiz on specific Halachic knowledge of that Yom Tov. In turn, teachers have an understanding of what students know and what they still need to learn. The teachers have clarity onto which aspects of Yom Tov to focus on, and which to review.

After learning about the Yom Tov, the identical quiz is given. Both the first and the second quiz are graded and graphed.

The results are visible and teachers can now see how much students know and understand and where there is a need for improvement.

This initiated a phenomenal discussion of what students are actually learning and retaining from year to year, how they are learning and which methods of teaching yields more knowledge. **ZipGrade,** an app that allows one to input the correct answers, scan the results and provide the teacher with comprehensive data quickly, is being used.

In 120 seconds it can produce data on the success of an individual student, the class, or even the school as a whole. It can also pinpoint which specific questions were difficult, and indicate where more teaching is needed.



We are tagging the different types of questions so that we can see where the students may have difficulty (ex: thinking questions, practical halacha vs general halacha).

We are developing quizzes for each of the Chumash language skills (prefix, suffix, possessives, millim, shoroshim etc.) for all grades in elementary.

Teachers and students are talking about learning. With the aid of these new tools, learning is in real time. As a school, we are evolving from asking ourselves "what are our teachers teaching" to "what are our students learning".

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Everywhere in the world, parents play peek-a-boo with their children. It is a major discovery of life, a cornerstone in human development: To realize that something is there even when you cannot see it, that the world is not defined by your subjective perception, that there is something that absolutely is—whether you know of it or not.

הכרת הטוב I am grateful to my

All our life, all of the world, is G-d playing with us that same game. He peeks with a miracle and then hides behind nature. Eventually, we look behind nature to find Him there.

www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/42340/jewish/Peek-A-Boo

11 Nissan marks 115 years since the birth of the Rebbe. Throughout his lifetime, the Rebbe marked his birthday by redoubling his efforts to reach out to Jews in every corner of the world, and encouraged other to do the same. May this day bring brachos to us all, and may we be reunited with the Rebbe very soon with the coming of Moshiach.

daughter's teacher for...

Parents, here is a wonderful place to express your gratitude towards your daughter's teacher. Please email us at buzz@bethrivkah.com

"The high school trip was an awesome experience. Thank you so much for taking such good care of the girls and for keeping parents updated throughout. It is much appreciated." *Mrs.C. Schmukler*

"I am grateful to my daughters' teachers for greeting them every morning with such warmth and love! *They come home so happy and secure, excited to share everything they're learning!*" *Mrs. Rachelli Spiro*

"I appreciate Beth Rivkah because every day our daughter brings home more Torah, knowledge, joy and light. *In a short time she has blossomed and grown more than we could have expected.* Thank you to the Direction, the Teachers and to all the Friends she has made." *Mr. David Kakon*

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