



Gray Academy

OF JEWISH EDUCATION

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Junior Kindergarten to Grade 1



Junior Kindergarten: Your First Steps! Welcome to School.

Junior Kindergarten Program Overview

Junior Kindergarten is a multi-age 3 and 4 year old program that integrates Judaic and General Studies. JK is based on the knowledge that learning in the early years is an individual process, and that each child develops at his/her own rate. Every child is valued and respected as an individual, and is made to feel safe and secure within the school environment. For some, this is their first experience being part of a Jewish community of children. Therefore, the nurturing of this first awareness of their sense of Jewish identity is an integral part of the program. We strive to make their first formal school experience a positive one, with the emphasis on fun. The program is thematic and activity-based which involves children in both individual and group activities.

Just as the rainbow is a spectrum of colours, so too is our JK program a multi-dimensional learning environment.



Kindergarten: You're Now Grown Up and Ready for a Full Day of School.

Kindergarten Program Overview

The Kindergarten program is a preparatory program for accelerated study designed to help each child develop as an independent learner in an environment that encourages discovery and exploration. The various subject areas are integrated into lessons in a manner that is meaningful and connected to our personal experiences.

The Kindergarten program provides opportunities and experiences for a child to bloom like a flower.





Grade 1: Your First Desk and Your Very Own Siddur (Prayer Book).

Language Arts

- Exploring thoughts, ideas, feelings and experiences
- Comprehending and responding personally and critically to literary and media texts
- Managing ideas and formulations
- Enhancing the clarity and artistry of communication
- Celebrating and building community

Math

- Number
- Patterns and Relations
- Shape and Space

Social Studies

- I Belong
- My Environment
- Connecting with Others

Science

- Characteristics and needs of living things
- The 5 Senses
- Characteristics of Objects and Materials
- Daily & Seasonal Changes

Judaic Studies

- Celebration of Shabbat
- Celebration of Jewish Holidays including rituals and customs
- Love for Israel

Hebrew

- Listening, speaking, reading and writing
- Themes: family, colours, numbers and more

T'fillah

- Daily T'fillah
- Holiday Prayers and Blessings
- Chaggigat Ha-Siddur

Grade 1 Program Overview

Through a child-centered approach to teaching, students discover the world through relevant and enriching curriculum in both General and Judaic Studies. Within the classroom students are part of a community of learners and work both independently and collaboratively.

Grade 1 introduces a structured learning environment that is conducive to diverse learners.

Grade 1

Early Childhood Education: The First Steps of Learning

Gray Academy of Jewish Education is a JK to Grade 12 university preparatory school that places equal value on Jewish and General academic programs, and provides opportunities to nurture the emotional well-being and spiritual development of its students. We are proud to provide a pluralistic education and environment that is home to learners of diverse backgrounds. Through a commitment to Jewish and General Education over the past century, students of Gray Academy have been able to experience how they are linked to their history and their ancestors, gaining the knowledge of their purpose and place in today's world.

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