



5772 Elul 20 - September 7, 2012
 Candle Lighting: 7:00 p.m.
 Shabbat Ends: 7:58 p.m.
 Parshat Ki Tavo

Dear Parents,

It has truly been a joy to once again have the halls and rooms of Lubavitch on the Palisades filled with the sweet sounds of children. What a pleasure to peek in the classrooms and see the children busy playing and making new friends! With the start of the school year upon us, we hope you enjoy the following poem:

What did you do at school today?

When children come home at the end of the day,
 the question they're asked as they scurry to play is,
 "Tell me what you did at school today?"
 And the answer they give makes you sigh with dismay:
 "Nothing, I did nothing today!"

Perhaps "nothing" means that I read a new book or made a creation with a special look,
 Maybe I painted a picture with red and blue, or wrote my own story that is really true.
 Maybe I used the computer today or went outside in the yard to play.
 Maybe today was the very first time that my scissors followed a nice straight line.
 Maybe I led a song from the beginning to end or played with a special brand new friend.
 When you're only six and your heart has wings, "nothing" can mean so many things!

For a young child, "What did you do at school today?" can be a difficult question after a full day activity. Specific questions are more likely to prompt a discussion with your child. Why not try some of these:

- Will you sing me a song that you learned at school today?
- Who did you eat lunch with today?
- Tell me about a game you played during P.E.
- What happened in the book your teacher read out loud today?

We look forward to another wonderful week!
 Shabbat Shalom!
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Parshat Ki Tavo is a parsha which deserves careful study, as it is relevant in so many ways to our generation. "On this day Hashem your G-d is commanding you to do these laws and judgments, and you shall guard and do them with all of your heart, and all of your soul" (Deuteronomy 26:17). Every start of a new day, the commandments, Hashem's Torah, should be in your eyes like new as if you were commanded them today. Every morning we should keep in mind who the King is and who is commanding us, and the great distinction we have in being chosen to fulfill His commandments. Every morning we awake thanking G-d for giving us another day, and thereby showing us His confidence in us that we will succeed.

At Lubavitch on the Palisades School, each day is new, never experienced before in history, and never to be experienced again. Each day has its special purpose which we hope to live up to. A new day is a station in the unfolding historical process where we stop to accomplish our unique purpose in life, and bring ourselves closer to our goals. **We salute and gratefully thank the teachers who are constantly modeling and performing Hashem's Torah and Mitzvot with an enthusiastic zest, great happiness and pure enjoyment.**

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE!

The 2012-2013 school year brings the largest enrollment ever for Lubavitch on the Palisades School, with almost 300 students. This year we have added a Third Grade, an 18 Month Program and Chai Care, a before/ and after school program that begins as early as 7:30 a.m. and goes until 6:00 p.m. To accommodate our growing elementary school and new programs, we are expanding our building to add 8 new classrooms and another multi-purpose room. This past week the exterior brick work was completed as well as the installation of air ducts and air conditioning units. We can't wait to see the progress over the next week!

Parent Education

A beginners Hebrew class is forming on Thursdays from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. for parents who would like to learn the Aleph Bet, and read and converse in Hebrew. Please email Sonya@chabadlubavitch.org if you are interested in joining.

Parent Volunteers

Parent volunteers wanted! Please return your parent volunteer forms to the office or to Sonya@chabadlubavitch.org. Please email Sonya if you would like to be a class parent, get involved in our school cookbook or join an Open House committee.



Looking for an activity on Chol Hamoed Sukkot? Parent volunteer Jennifer Lang is organizing a group rate for Lubavitch on the Palisades families to visit an apple orchard. Please email Jenniferlangltd@aol.com if you would like to help. More information will follow!

CALENDAR REMINDERS:

Monday, September 10th - First Day of Extended Care (12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

Monday, September 17th - Tuesday, September 18th - Rosh-Hashanah – No Sessions

Wednesday, September 19th - Welcome back!

Thursday, September 20th - Back to School Night for the following classes:

Toddler Classes- 6:30 p.m.

Transitional Nursery- 6:00 p.m. (Please note the time change from the original calendar.)

Nursery- 8:30 p.m.