

# RITE NOW @ ROP



The farm at Canyon State Academy is now the home to two Sulcata Tortoises and the future home for more lizards, tortoises and other reptiles. The students have named them Spike (the larger of the two) and Raphael (the smaller of the two). Special thank you to Case Manager Mr. Peretz for engaging the Junior Rams and helping them build a tortoise enclosure and for sharing your knowledge. The students and staff were able to repurpose chairs and a couch as tortoise houses and baking trays as a feeder. The students learned some new hands-on building, team work and problem solving skills and put some of their math skills to use as well!! The students come out each evening to care for the tortoises, learning what they eat and how to meet their needs. It has been a wonderful experience for our younger students to see their hard work pay off and take responsibility for this area. They are excited to show staff, students and guests the tortoises and we are so proud of them.

The Junior Rams are looking to continue to build in the enclosure by adding terrariums and other small enclosures with lizards and turtles. If you would like to donate items for them to use please reach out to Susan Manning at [susan.manning@rop.com](mailto:susan.manning@rop.com).