



The Koala News (Ha Koala)
Week of August 22 – August 26, 2011

We had a wonderful first week in our class. The children are making friends and enjoying their activities.

Literacy

- ~ Our very exciting news is that we decided on a classroom name. We voted on the name “Koala “.
- ~ We starting discussing our classroom rules, and each of the children had a chance to add their ideas about rules that would be helpful towards having a pleasant classroom community. We read “No Rules for Michael”.
- ~ We created a literacy chart where we listed each child’s contribution to our list of classroom rules.
- ~ We discussed Shabbat, and the items that we use in our observance of Shabbat. We read “Sammy Spider’s First Shabbat”.
- ~ We discussed the ways in which to remain healthy by correctly washing our hands and how to keep germs from spreading.

Math

- ~ We learned to count to ten in Hebrew.
- ~ We counted the numbers of girls and boys in our class.
- ~ Each day we counted the number of children on our attendance chart (the Ani Po, Lo Po chart).
- ~ We started counting out the number of napkins and cups required for snack.
- ~ We counted the days of the week and the days in the month during circle time.
- ~ We voted on our class name, and counted the votes for each animal. We learned that the winner is the category with the most votes.

Science

- ~ We mixed water colors and discovered how mixing colors can create a new color.

- ~ We painted our hands and touched an object in order to demonstrate how germs are transferred.
- ~ We chart our daily weather and try to predict the weather for the next day.

Gross Motor

- ~ We played "Duck, Duck, Goose".
- ~ We learned how to play relay races.
- ~ We danced in order to "Shake our sillies out" !
- ~ We played "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes".
- ~ We had a very enjoyable time playing on the playground. We ran, played on the slides, and rode the tricycles.

Fine Motor

- ~ We had many opportunities to use our fine motor skills this week. These activities also exercise hand-eye coordination.
- ~ We mixed colors with our bingo markers while decorating our kippot.
- ~ We used rolling paints to decorate our Shabbat placemats.
- ~ We played with our lacing cards, Legos, puzzles, interlocking shapes, tangrams, and blocks.
- ~ The children also love to use crayons and markers to draw beautiful pictures.

Social/Self Help

- ~ We established rules for our class by discussing how we can have a happy, cooperative, and friendly classroom.
- ~ We shared stories and got to know one another.
- ~ We socialized while eating snack and lunch together, and worked together performing our daily jobs.
- ~ We learned how to try to open our own lunches, and clean up after ourselves.
- ~ We are doing our best to be self sufficient in the bathroom, and to remember to wash and dry our own hands.
- ~ We are all trying to be kind to one another. We are learning to share, take turns, and listen when our friends and teachers are speaking.

***** REMINDER *****

**Please send in your family pictures. Thank you ! Shabbat Shalom.
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