

**The Lady Bug Class**  
**Morah Karen and Morah Jacki's Class**  
**Week of August 22nd - August 26th**

**Monday**

WELCOME to school!!!! We are so happy to see everyone! We want to welcome returning students and new students as well!!

We are thrilled to have everyone in our class!! On this first day of school we gave the students time to familiarize themselves with the classroom. We gave a tour of our classroom and showed the class where each center was and showed them all of our new toys to play with.

During our morning circle time we showed the class our Ani Po and Lo Po board.

We then showed the class our "Help Wanted" job chart. We explained all the jobs on the chart and each child was given the chance to choose their job for the week. Everyone was very excited about their jobs and they could not wait to perform them right away!! We then showed the children the calendar and the calendar person performed their duties right away!! After completing these tasks we then stood up and said the pledge of allegiance. It was a fun filled circle time with lots of new things for all of the children. It will take some time for all of the children to learn these new routines, and we are so excited to take the journey with them!!

The children enjoyed exploring the different centers. They enjoyed going to housekeeping and dressing up, playing at the sand table with the different sand tools, and playing in the block center. The children also enjoyed reading stories in the library, and playing with the toys in the manipulative center. Many of the children also enjoyed playing on the computer.

We loved playing on the playground today and seeing our friends from the other three year old classes!! The children enjoyed playing on the bicycles, slides, and dinosaur steps. The children also enjoyed playing in the play houses and chasing their friends.

During our afternoon circle time we asked the children what their favorite thing about their first day of school was. Please look for our language chart hanging in the hallway to see your child's answer!!

We had a special birthday today. Thank you, Matthew for the yummy cup-cakes. We hope you had a wonderful day.

**Tuesday**

We continued our morning routine with Ani Po/Lo Po and helping the children identify their names. After completing the calendar and weather for the day we enjoyed talking about our first lesson, Creation. We read the book "Creation Song" which the children enjoyed. This book is about G-d being alone...and then he starts to sing. When he sings it creates the oceans, animals, lights, planets, mountains. It helped us lead into talking about animals. How we take care of animals, and how it is a mitzvah to care for an animal. We then asked the children what their favorite animal was so we could compile a list to help us vote on Wednesday for our class animal.

During center time we tie dyed our kippah's. The children enjoyed dipping their kippah's in different colors. We are very excited to take the rubber bands off tomorrow to see our creations!!

The children enjoyed playing with the other three year old classes in the social hall area, playing duck duck goose, and other relay games.

During our afternoon circle time after "Going on a Bear Hunt" we played a game that helped us identify our shapes and colors. The children

### **Wednesday**

On Wednesday, during our morning routine, we voted for our class animal. After the first vote it was a tie between the Cats, Giraffe's, and the Ladybugs. We then re-voted and Ladybugs won!! We are officially the Ladybug class!!!

During center time the children had the chance to decorate their Tzedakah envelopes. The children enjoyed using their fine motor skills using Hebrew letter stamps to create their envelopes. Since we had just become the Ladybug class the class decided to stamp a ladybug on their Tzedakah envelopes too! Our friends that were not with us yesterday had the opportunity to tie dye their kippah's today during center time.

The children enjoyed many centers today. They enjoyed playing dress up in housekeeping, and using the computer. They used their fine motor skills while building with blocks, and creating art. Their gross motor skills were used when they were jumping in the music center to the music and listening to "Going on a Bear Hunt."

We also enjoyed going on the playground today and seeing all the other three year old classes. The children enjoyed playing with the dump trucks and fire trucks. They enjoyed climbing on the slides and riding the bicycles. The children also enjoyed chasing their friends and playing "monster."

### **Thursday**

On Thursday we continued our morning routine. We sang our morning song and identified our names on the Ani Po/Lo Po board. After

Today we decorated our Shabbat placemats. We used liquid paint to paint our doilies. The children loved mixing colors (they made purple on their own) and they really took the time to decorate their placemats with care. Tomorrow our friends that were not here today will have the chance to paint their doilies.

During our center time our friends played with musical instruments, read books in the library, and played in the block center. Several friends enjoyed using the sand table, and playing the Lucky Duck game. Our friends also enjoyed dressing up in housekeeping and playing with the bugs, and other manipulative toys.

We enjoyed going to the indoor playroom today with the other three year old classes. The children enjoyed playing with balls, playing bowling, and walking on the balance beam. The children also enjoyed doing forward rolls on the mat, and "shooting hoops."

Before we went home we enjoyed playing the bean bag song which is a song that tells us where to put the bean bags on our body. The children really liked this song and requested that we do it again!

### **Friday**

On Friday, we celebrated Shabbat. We want to thank our Ma'lachim this week

Chloe and Rylee this week for doing a great job!!! We appreciated the yummy snacks that you brought in for our class to share.

We enjoyed singing Shabbat songs in our classroom, dancing and we read "Once Upon A Shabbos." We also love singing all the prayers together in our class. We always enjoy going to the chapel for this weekly ritual. The children also get the chance to take turns giving our Tzedakah money to Miss Marcy during the service.

We hope everyone had a great week!!

Shabbat Shalom, Morah Karen and Morah Jacki

**A few reminders:**

If you have not brought in a class plant, please do so next week.

Also, please bring in a family picture to display in our classroom.

If you have not brought a clear plastic container with your child's extra clothes in it please bring it in next week.

Thank you and we hope everybody had a GREAT week!!!

We certainly did!!!!