



The Elephants / Ha Peleem

Week of August 22 – August 26, 2011

The children have all had a fantastic first week of school at Torah Tots. They have begun to settle into our class routine. The children have enjoyed playing with old friends and making new ones. I know we are going to have an amazing year!

Literacy

- Read books about the first day of school, class rules and Shabbat
- Learned a new morning song
- Discussed appropriate classroom behavior and created our class rules
- Talked about our favorite animals
- Learned that G-d created the animals
- Discussed Shabbat and its significance
- Answered open ended questions about Tzedakah
- Learned a new big word- condensation, ask your children about it
- Discussed germs and the importance of keeping our hands clean
- Learned Hebrew words: ani po (I'm here), lo po (not here), boker tov (good morning), chavareem (friends), yeled (boy), yelda (girl)
- Found our names during morning circle

Math

- Counted how many boys+girls= total children in the class and wrote the equation on the board

- Counted the number of centers in our room and how many children can play in each center
- Counted to the date during calendar
- Identified shapes and colors during calendar
- Recognized numbers during calendar
- Counted to 10 in Hebrew and English before snack
- Voted on our class animal
- Graphed the results from our vote

Science

- Looked outside and determined the weather each day
- Learned that condensation forms on our window when the cold air inside and hot air outside meet
- Performed a germ experiment. I pretended to cough into my hands and green paint appeared (the germs). I then shook a child's hand to show them how quickly we spread our germs. We went around the room until we all had germs

Gross Motor

- Climbed the slides on the playground
- Rode bikes on the bike path
- Ran around with our friends on the playground
- Danced to music in the classroom. Shake your Sillies out is an Elephant's favorite
- Played Red light, Green light and Follow the Leader. The children loved these games!
- Stretched our bodies



Fine Motor

- Played with puzzles

- Manipulated the mouse on the computer
- Played with Legos and other manipulative
- Dot painted or roller painted tzedakah envelopes
- Squeezed liquid paint onto our kippot
- Painted sponges and pressed them onto paper to make our Shabbat placemats
- Drew pictures of our favorite animals

Social/Self Help

- Explored the classroom
- Worked on unpacking backpacks, sorting snacks, packing up and proper handwashing skills.
- Cleaned up after centers
- Practiced using our words with our friends
- Role played classroom rules
- Made new friends and were happy to see old ones!



Please label snacks with your child's name and put am or pm on it. They are unpacking their snacks and this will be helpful.

Thank you Hesh for a yummy Shabbat snack!

I am looking forward to another terrific week. Have a great weekend!

Shabbat Shalom,

Morah Staci

