



The Dogs / Ha Klaveem  
Week of November 7-11, 2011

**Math-**

Every day we had a calendar count, and for attendance we counted how many boys and girls were in the class. Every child had a chance to estimate how heavy or light different items in the classroom were and pretended to be balances to measure weight. During transition, the children played games on the white board using positional words, shapes, numbers and patterns.

**Literacy:**

We read "Fireboy to the Rescue", "Water Safety", "Officer Buckle and Gloria", "Great Estimations", "How Do You Measure Weight?". These books are all about water and fire safety. Moreover, in circle time we shared with our friends how to react in dangerous situations and how to prevent accidents. We are trying to incorporate safety words into our everyday conversations to expand children's vocabulary.

**Science:**

Children at this age are curious about the different conditions such as rain, thunderstorms, hurricanes and some others that are present during different times of the year. We are observing the weather and changes in temperature every day.

**Gross Motor-**

At the playground, there is a lot of action taking place. It is outdoors that children can fully and freely experience motor skills like running, leaping, climbing, grasping and jumping. As part of the playground renovation, Mrs. Young shared a forklift truck that she rented. The children had a chance to get in and have a close look at it. Check out the newest playground acquisition, an Air Boat!

**Fine Motor:**

Every time children play in centers with manipulatives (small toys), crayons, markers and art supplies they are reinforcing their fine motor skills using writing tools correctly

and demonstrating eye/hand coordination. This week we finished working on our safety books, which are filled with creative art work.

**Social/Self Help:**

Children are practicing making decisions voting for their book title, safety rules and guessing how many items are in the estimation jar. Every time that we have a group activity, we are practicing following the classroom rules and participating attentively in activities.

**Judaic:**

We ended our week celebrating Shabbat with our Grandparents! This week Cantor Zack practiced with us songs in Hebrew. In addition, we sang Hatikvah every morning at Shalom Time and recited the blessings before and after every meal.

- Please send your child in with a labeled snack every day.
- Do not forget to recycle all your empty ink cartridges and old cell phones. We will collect them for our Funding Factory fundraiser.
- Thanks to Palm Beach County Sherriff's Office and Deputy Larry Nielsen ( Morah Carolina's husband) for bringing safety goodies for everyone.
- Thank you to our Ma' alachim for bringing in delicious snacks.
- The school wide Thanksgiving Experience will be held on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:45 a.m. Parents are welcome to join in. Please turn off your cell phones when entering our school!

Shabbat Shalom!  
Morah Debbie & Morah Carolina