



**Week of November 7th – November 11th, 2011
The Monkeys/Ha' Koofeem**

When God created grandparents
the world was truly blessed
with all the special joys
that make a family happiest...
For grandparents know how to do
the things that warm a heart,
They touch our lives with loving care
right from the very start...
They show that they believe in us
and all we're dreaming of...
When God created grandparents,
He blessed our lives with love.

Math:

We continue counting backwards from 5 to blast off in our pretend rocket ship. We continue counting boys and girls and adding them up for the total of children. We did this by using different colored people connectors to separate the boys from the girls.

We continue counting how many centers are in the classroom and how many children are allowed in each center (4 in housekeeping, 4 in library, 3 in blocks, 2 in art and sand table, 4 in manipulative and 4 in writing).

We practiced the days of the week and counting using "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" flannel board.

We continue practicing our colors using "Brown Bear" book and flannel board.

We continue practicing our colors with "Little Mouse, Little Mouse Where are you Hiding?"

Lanugage/Literacy:

We continue talking about rocket ships and stars to get ready for grandparent Shabbat.

We talked about our grandparents, what is special about them and what we like to do with them.

We finished our big book, "If you could go anywhere with your grandma or grandpa on a rocket ship, where would you go?"

We read "Grandpa, Grandpa", "I am a Star" and "Stars, Near and Far"

We sang "Zoom, Zoom, Zoom We are Going to the Moon"
Picture/Name association in centers and in cubbies. Children learn to associate objects with the pictures on shelves, it helps them clean up as they learn that each toy has a place.
Every Friday we read "Dinosaur on Shabbat"
We continue taking attendance and practicing our "Ani Po" (I am here) and "Lo Po" (Not here) response.
We continue discussing classroom and playground rules.

Science/cooking:

Explored weather (we looked outside the door with our binoculars and discussed if it was sunny, rainy, cloudy etc)
We talked about outer space and what we find up there, planets, stars etc.

Gross Motor:

Music and movement with Morah Beth and Cantor Zach.
Music and movement in the classroom to different songs.
Danced with scarves and bean bags.
Played and danced with the parachute.
Walked up and down the stairs to go to the library and on the playground to go on the slide.
Rode tricycles and cars in the playground.
Running, jumping, climbing on the rock wall, kicking and throwing balls.

Fine Motor:

We finished drawing pictures for our big book using crayons and markers.
We started making our rocket ships by painting paper towel rolls.
We used crayons, color pencils and markers to draw during center time.
We painted at the easel.
Used different manipulative (pegs, people connectors, tower builders).
Coloring, gluing, cutting.

Social/Self-Help:

We continue working on having/giving personal space.
We continue working on using our nice words (please and thank you).
We began working on our sharing skills; we share our toys and play together.
Washed hands after potty, for snack and lunch and after entering the classroom.
We continue doing our helping hands jobs.
Take food out of lunch boxes.
Eat independently with a spoon/fork.
Throw garbage in the trashcan.
Pushed chairs in, after sitting at the table.
Use please and thank you, be kind to our friends.

Specials this week were: Music with Morah Beth and Cantor Zach.

Our Malachim this week were: Gavin and Katie.

Reminders:

-Please remember to send in a brown t-shirt to be decorated for our Thanksgiving Experience. You might be able to find them at the Dollar Store, Wal-Mart or any craft store.

-The Thanksgiving Experience will be held on Monday, November 21 at 9:45 a.m. Parents are welcome to join in the activities, please turn off your cell phones when entering the school!

Thanks to all of the children and parents for donating books to the Monkey class.

**Shabbat Shalom
Morah Dalia and Morah Diane**