



## The Polar Bears and Tigers

Monday – Friday

November 14<sup>th</sup> – November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Monday

On Monday the Polar Bear class had a great start to the week. The children started their day by attending a school wide Havdalah service while practicing their interpersonal skills. The children then had a wonderful time utilizing their math skills while counting the number of boys, girls and the total amount of children in class in Hebrew, English and Spanish. Next the children had a great time using their linguistic skills as we discussed the upcoming holiday of Thanksgiving! The children learned the Hebrew words for some popular holiday foods such as corn, sweet potato and turkey! After playing on the playground and using our gross motor skills with the Monkey class we read a great story, “The Littlest Pilgrim”. We then discussed the very first Thanksgiving and the two groups of people who attended the pilgrims and Native Americans. We then created a language chart by asking the children “Who will come to your house for Thanksgiving?”. Next we had a great time during centers while using our fine motor skills to paint cups for our paper cup turkeys. We also had a great time singing and dancing to some popular Thanksgiving songs!



## Tuesday

On Tuesday the class had a great time revisiting the topic of Thanksgiving. We had a great time looking at pictures of different pilgrims and Native Americans. We then learned that pilgrims and Native Americans looked very different. We found out that some Native Americans had pictures of trees and animals on their clothing along with feathers and beads while pilgrims wore long skirts and pants along with hats free of feathers or beads. The children then had a great time looking at pictures of the different houses that the pilgrims and Native Americans lived in. We learned that pilgrims lived in log cabins and Native Americans lived in tee-pee's and the tee-pee's were decorated with scenes from nature. The class then had a great time creating the different types of houses used by the Native Americans and pilgrims at the play-doh table while building their pre-writing skills! The children also had a great time using their muscle control by marble painting the feathers for their paper cup turkeys! They look beautiful and the children had a blast! Next the children had a great time attending Judaic music with cantor Zach and singing some lovely Judaic songs.

## Wednesday

On Wednesday the children had a great time learning about all of the different things that people do on Thanksgiving. We found out that some people play a game of backyard football while others gather around the T.V to watch football. Then the children enjoyed attending Judaic music with the Monkey class! Next the children had a great time decorating their beautiful Thanksgiving T-shirts! They look fantastic and we can't wait to see the children in them on Monday! The children then discussed what it means to be thankful. Then we asked the children what they were thankful for and wrote their responses on the leaves to our "giving tree" on the bulletin board along with the responses of the Monkey class!



## Thursday

The children had a very busy Thursday at Temple Torah! We started the day by playing outside on our new jungle gym equipment. Next the children had a great time during circle time singing some great Thanksgiving songs and sorting fruits and vegetables that may be on a Thanksgiving table by color and then counted each pile. Next the children had a great time with Ms. Beth in secular music singing and ribbon dancing! It was so much fun! Next the children had a great time during center time finishing up their beautiful Thanksgiving T-shirts and decorating their paper cup turkeys. Next the children did Shabbat for the friends who will not be with us on Friday and read the story; "Dinosaur on Shabbat".



## Friday

On Friday the class had a great day to end the week. We started with our morning circle time to get us in the Shabbat mood by reciting the blessings over the wine, candles and challah. Next we discussed why we give tzedakah and put our tzedakah in our community tzedakah jar to bring with us to Shabbat. Next we used our gross motor skills to dance to some great Shabbat songs! Next we went to Shabbat with the Monkey class. Next we had a great time running, jumping and biking on the playground. Finally we discussed all of our favorite Thanksgiving foods!

Reminders: Don't forget our school wide Thanksgiving Experience will be held on Monday November 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:45 a.m. We hope to see you there! Also please ensure that for the safety of our children your child wears sneakers on a daily basis.

Shabbat Shalom,

Morah Megan, Morah Pam and Morah Allyson