



The Koala News (Ha Koala)

Week of November 7 – November 11, 2011

Literacy

- We talked about the letters in the days of the week and made the sound of each letter.
- We read our new books from the book fair on Thanksgiving.
- We discussed what we are Thankful for.
- We picked a word from our word wall and used it throughout the week.
- We sang the letter sound song.
- We discussed why we celebrate Thanksgiving and the types of foods we eat on this holiday.

Math

- We discussed the name of the month, counted using the calendar and discussed what number would come next.
- We counted a hand full of corn kernels
- We measured the ingredients for our pumpkin pie.
- Talked about the numbers that make up 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18
- We discussed patterns and created our own patters using foam shapes.

Science

- We predicted the weather each day and what they thought the weather was going to be like the next day.
- We cooked pumpkin pies and measured the ingredients.
- We discussed the different ways to use corn.

Gross Motor

- We have started movement exercises every morning to get the student more focused and to improve on their gross motor movements.
- We danced the turkey pokey.
- We had music and dancing with Morah Beth.
- We enjoyed play ground time by using bikes, climbing wall, running, and playing with various sports equipment.

Fine Motor

- We decorated our head bands for Thanksgiving
- We mixed our ingredients for our pumpkin pie.
- We played with play dough
- We used various art materials in the art center.
- We made a turkey using paint and our hand prints.

Social/Self-Help

- We discussed when we should say excuses me, like when someone is talking and you have something to say.

- We discussed saying please and thank you.
- We talked about being respectful and what is acceptable and unacceptable behavior in the class room.
- We talked about what to do when the children come in the class room in the mornings and at lunch time for packing up. Now the students will pack their own lunch boxes and their folders in their backpacks.
- We are encouraging the children to work together as a team and to be kind and respectful to one another.

Reminders:

Each Friday, your child should wear their school shirt and bring tzedekah for Shabbat.

We collect empty ink cartridges and old cell phones as we are a part of the Funding Factory.

We collect Campbell Labels for points.

November 21st at 9:45 a.m. is our Thanksgiving Experience, and November 29 is our Curriculum Night. See you there!!

Have a peaceful Shabbat.

Morah Blake and Morah Vicky