



**Week of November 14th – November 18th, 2011
The Monkeys/Ha' Koofeem**

**The turkey ran away
Before Thanksgiving Day
They said, they'd make a roast of me
If I should stay!**

Math:

We counted to ten by singing "1 little, 2 little, 3 Native Americans"

We practiced our colors while doing the flannel board "My feathered turkey"

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 began talking about Thanksgiving. We learned that the Pilgrims came from far away on the Mayflower and docked at Plymouth Rock in America, they were not used to the cold winter and had a hard time getting food and keeping warm.

The Native Americans helped the Pilgrims find food and make coats to keep warm. One day, the Pilgrims had a feast (a big dinner) to thank the Native Americans for their help. On Thanksgiving we get together with family and friends and give thanks for all the good things we have.

We also talked about who comes over for Thanksgiving and what our favorite Thanksgiving food is.

We did a language chart asking the children "What are you thankful for?"

We read "My First Thanksgiving" and "Thanksgiving"

We sang "The Turkey Ran Away", "1 Little, 2 Little, 3 Native Americans" and

“Gobble, Gobble, Gobble, Gobble Goes the Bird”

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).

Gross Motor:

Music and movement with Morah Beth and Cantor Zach.

Music and movement in the classroom to different songs.

Exercised with Morah Alisa during gym time.

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 drew our favorite Thanksgiving food.

We put together a tree of thanks picture frame to send home on Thanksgiving.

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 and gym with Morah Alisa.

Our Malachim this week were: Aiden and Evan.

Reminders:

-Thanksgiving Experience is Monday, November 21st.

-School will be closed next week, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

**Shabbat Shalom
Morah Dalia and Morah Diane**