



Week of November 28th – December 2nd, 2011
The Monkeys
Ha' Koofeem

**I have a little dreidel
I made it out of clay
And when is dry and ready
Then dreidel I shall play...**

Math:

We counted how many candles we light on Hanukkah (9, one for each night plus the Shamash).

We counted how many sides a dreidel has (4).

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?"

Language/Literacy:

We re-visited Thanksgiving by asking the children who came over for Thanksgiving dinner and what they ate.

We began talking about Hanukkah and learned that a long time ago the Syrian army led by King Antiochus destroyed (broke everything) the Jewish temple and told the Jewish people they could not be Jewish any more. A few years later the Jewish army led by Judah Maccabee took back the temple and sent the Syrian army away. While cleaning the temple, the Jewish people couldn't find enough oil to light candles, the little bit that they found was only enough for one night, but it lasted eight nights instead; that was the miracle of Hanukkah and that's why we light eight candles on Hanukkah.

We read "Hanukkah oh Hanukkah" "The Best Hanukkah Ever" and "It's Hanukkah"

We sang "I Have a Little Dreidel"

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 made cookie dough using flour, sugar, vanilla, salt and eggs in preparation for curriculum night.

Gross Motor:

Music and movement with 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 mixed ingredients together to make cookie dough.

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 Cantor Zach.

Our Malachim this week were: Amanda and Daniel.

Thank you for sharing your Hanukkah decorations and games with the class😊.

**Shabbat Shalom
Morah Dalia and Morah Diane**