



**The Cows/Ha Parot**  
**November 28-December 2, 2011**

Curriculum Night took place on Tuesday, November 29th and we want to thank those parents that attended our informative program. The 3 year old team planned a rotating visit to each of the classrooms and demonstrated what takes place from the beginning of the morning once the children arrive at school. As the parents moved from room to room, they had the opportunity to experience what is like to be their child at school. The teachers explained the how and why regarding the learning process for children at this age and our expectations, along with actual examples of what children experience and learn regarding calendar time, literacy charts, math, manipulatives and more. We ended the evening having fun icing and decorating cookies that the children actually made that same day!

#### Developing Skills

##### Math

We use the calendar to practice counting on a daily basis, reinforcing number recognition, counting order and sequence. As we count into the twenties, the children see the two digits change in the ones place only and that the counting order repeats in sequence. We also do some addition practice by counting the boys and the girls as two separate groups and combined to get a class total.

##### Literacy

The children got lots of practice helping to write literacy charts this week. We started out asking the children about their Thanksgiving holiday and how they spent their time with their families. We transitioned this discussion to a literacy chart about what was their favorite part of their Thanksgiving meal and recorded their answers. We also had an interesting discussion about baking cookies in preparation for Curriculum Night and what ingredients would they put into the cookie mix. These

answers were put in the chart and then we showed the children an actual recipe and compared this.

## Science

During our cooking session, the children got to measure, pour and mix the cookie recipe ingredients and experience the changes from separate ingredients, to a batter and then the final product of a baked cookie.

Also, we then did some mixing with food coloring to tint the white frosting.

With the opportunity of having some cooler weather, we discussed the changing seasons and how nature is affected. We had some fall leaves brought in by Jacob from his trip to New York so the children had hands on experience with these actual leaves. We discussed how this color change comes about in nature and marks a change of seasons.

## Gross Motor

Miss Alisa had a fun class planned for the children this week. They started out with yoga poses using the letters of the alphabet in order like the airplane, alligator, butterfly, cat and the newest pose, the cobra. It's amazing how much they remember from week to week. Miss Alisa also set up activity stations using jump ropes, bats and balls, walking cups and more. They really enjoyed these activities.

Miss Beth gets the children singing and moving about while teaching them about holidays and celebrations. What seemed the most fun for the children was when they all held on to a chain of scarfs tied together and they followed Miss Beth through the social hall to music with a Latin beat.

## Fine Motor

The children are spending more and more time choosing activities to help with fine motor development. The art area is very popular with cutting and chalk being favorites. In the manipulative area, there are many choices to put things together and take apart, to construct designs and more.

## Social-Self Help

We're encouraging the children to become more independent and to zip/unzip their backpacks and lunch boxes, clothing, etc. They look forward to getting a new job and have some responsibility in the classroom. Helping is important to them and to be a part of the class.

## Judaic

This week with Cantor Zachary, he started to introduce songs about Hanukkah. He always has music that gets the children moving and keeps their attention.

We continue to practice and reinforce counting in Hebrew and saying the prayers before snack and lunch meals. The children are doing better with this.

Shabbat Shalom,  
Morah Fran and Morah Jacki