

The Ladybugs/Ha Mushiot

Week of December 5th - December 9th, 2011

I had a little dreidel...I made it out of clay...and when it's dry and ready...then dreidel I shall play!! This week we continued to immerse ourselves in all that is Hanukkah and loving every minute of it!! We loved singing Hanukkah songs with Cantor Zachary, learning the story of Hanukkah and making Hanukkah crafts! It's been a GREAT week!!

Literacy

- Read PJ Library books about Hanukkah including "The Hanukkah Trike", and "Hanukkah Haiku"
- Reminded our class of our classroom rules
- Sang our morning song
- Learned why the Jewish people played dreidel and completed a language chart on why we thought the Jewish people played dreidel
- Found our names on the Ani Po/Lo Po chart
- Determined the day of week and found the correct corresponding sign to hang in our classroom
- Found our names during morning circle
- Learned the following Hebrew words: Hanukkiah, Shamash, Judah Maccabee, Shin, Nun, Gimmel, and Hey
 - Played letter bingo
 - Played a before and after puzzle game

Math

- Counted how many boys and girls are in our classroom

- Counted how many children are allowed in each center
- Counted to the date during calendar
- Recognized shapes during calendar and learned that our shapes are in a pattern
- Counted to 10 in Hebrew and English before snack
- Counted how many candles are on a Hanukkiah and how many nights of Hanukkah there are
- Counted the days of the week
- Counted how many seasons there are
- Counted how many sides there are on a dreidel
- Counted how many Hebrew letters there are on a dreidel

Science

- Determined the weather daily by looking outside and then finding the corresponding sign to post in our room
- Talked about the different seasons
- Explored the caterpillar cocoons on the playground
- Mixed together different color paints to paint our Hanukkiah's and make new colors

Gross Motor

- Played on the playground on the slides, rockwall, bicycles, and steps
- Played on the airboat structure on the playground and with the sand tables
- Danced to the Little Fish song and the Hokey Pokey in our classroom
- Danced to Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes

- Danced and sang with Cantor Zachary during Judaic music
- Played tennis with Ms. Alissa

Fine Motor

- Used the mouse and computer keys during center time
- Sponge painted our base for our Hanukkiah
- Played with blocks in the block center
- Applied our hand prints for our Hanukkiah drip mats
- Played with the classroom dreidels
- Used scissors to cut our latke pans
- Practiced writing our names
- Glued our Hanukkiah base together
- Used instruments while dancing in our classroom

Social/Self Help

- Continued our morning routine which includes unpacking backpacks, putting snacks in the bins, and putting lunch boxes into cubbies and putting backpacks away.
- Continued our afternoon routine of packing up our lunch boxes, putting them into our backpacks, putting our folder in our backpacks and zipping up our backpacks.
- Washed our hands when we walk in the room, before snack, after playground, before lunch and whenever necessary

Shabbat Shalom,

Morah Karen and Morah Lynette

Reminders:

Please send in old ink cartridges and old cell phones for the Funding Factory.

Please send Campbell's Soup Labels

Please remember to return any classroom big book the next day so we can pass it along to the next family to enjoy.

Conferences scheduled on Wednesday December 14th.

Thank you!!!