



The Elephants / Ha Peleem

Week of December 5th – December 9th, 2011

This week we read many books, listened to stories, and sang songs about Hanukkah. We talked about the Maccabees and how brave they were. We played dreidel, created Hanukkah cards, created Hanukkiah's with foam pieces, and began to make a drip mat to catch the wax when we light our own Hanukkiah's. The children are getting excited to gather around with family and celebrate Hanukkah this year!

Literacy

- Read books about Hanukkah
- Sang Hanukkah songs
- Reinforced Hebrew words: ani po (I'm here), lo po (not here), boker tov (good morning), chavareem (friends), Mishpacha (family), toda raba (thank you very much), hanukkiah (Hanukkah menorah) gelt (money) nerot (candles)
- Learned the Hebrew letters gimmel, hey, nun, and shin
- Found names during morning circle
- Identified the letters and sounds of the letters in our names during circle
- Recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang Hatikvah during circle
- Found letters around the room during transitions

Math

- Counted out the nine candles on the menorah
- Discussed and counted the four sides of the dreidel
- Talked about half and whole when we played dreidel

- Counted to the date during calendar
- Identified shapes and colors while making our head dress with foam shapes
- Recognized numbers during calendar
- Counted to 10 in Hebrew and English before snack and lunch

Science

- Discussed that the candles are wax and they are solid but when you burn a candle it turns into a liquid
- Discuss weather daily and make predictions
- Watered and observed our daisies.

Gross Motor

- Danced to bean bag boogie which points to different body parts, head shoulders knees and toes, Simon says using Hebrew body parts and English
- Explored the play ground – bikes, houses, slides, trucks, rock climbing wall, playing chase, and the new air boat!!!
- Danced and sang to Hanukkah with Cantor Zach
- Learned the beginning skills of tennis in Gym, along with ABC Yoga

Fine Motor

- Explored with a variety of materials in the art center
- Created a menorah using foam pieces and glue
- Practiced writing their name on their work
- Created a Hanukkah card using rubber stamps, stickers, and glue
- They signed their cards
- Painted and stamped with their hands to make a Hanukkiah on their drip mat
- Feed the Bunny game- taking tweezers and picking up carrots to feed the bunny
- Played with puzzles
- Played with Legos and other manipulatives

Social/Self Help

- Giving Tzedakah is a great way to help people who don't have what we have during this time of the year
- Continued to work on unpacking backpacks, sorting snacks, throwing out trash, packing up and proper hand washing skills.
- Cleaned up after centers

- Practiced using our words with our friends- at home if they are whining ask them to use their words so that you can understand their needs, role model proper words for them to use when in a conflict with their siblings or friends

Shabbat Shalom,

Morah Sheri

-Please bring in Tzedakah every Friday, if their envelope does not make it home place the coins in a zip lock bag with their name on it. 😊

-We collect old cell phones and ink cartridges to get points from a company that allows us to purchase materials for the school with our points. Please think of us when you are changing your ink cartridge or getting a new upgrade on your phone. Please put these items in the office or in your child's backpack and we will get it to the office. Thank you!