

The Ladybugs/Ha Mushiot

Week of December 12th - December 16th

Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah Come Light the Menorah! The Ladybugs cannot get enough of Hanukkah!! We are loving each and every day celebrating, singing, spinning dreidels, and dancing!!! This has been a wonderful week full of stories, crafts, and many other activities.

Literacy

- Read PJ Library books about Hanukkah including “The Hanukkah Trike”, and “Hanukkah Haiku”, and “Eight Nights of Hanukkah.” Read other Hanukkah books including “Hanukkah Oh Hanukkah”, “Hanukkah Hop”, and “The Best Hanukkah Gift.”
- Reminded our class of our classroom rules
- Sang our morning song
- Talked about what we hope to receive for Hanukkah and completed a language chart with the children’s answers (it is hanging in the hall!!!)
- Found our names on the Ani Po/Lo Po chart
- Continued to reinforce the following Hebrew words: Hanukkiah, Shamash, Judah Maccabee, Shin, Nun, Gimel, and Hey
- Played letter bingo
- Played a before and after puzzle game, a color game, and an opposite game puzzle.

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
- Found a real live ladybug in our classroom!! We were all super excited about this!!
- Colored pasta to decorate Hanukkah cards for our families.

Gross Motor

- Played on the playground which includes the bicycles, slides, sand tables, rock climbing structure and airboat.
- Played with the many balls, trucks, and kitchen sets outside on the playground.
- Danced to the Little Fish song, Bear Hunt, Animal Action, and Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes.
- Danced and sang with Miss Beth to many different Hanukkah songs. Played

instruments and sticks.

Fine Motor

- Used the mouse and computer keys during center time
- Used tissue paper to decorate our frosting containers that are being used as our base for our Hanukkiah's with glue and water.
- Built structures with blocks in the block center and used cars to drive through the structures
- Used water color paints and sponges with clothes pins to finish our decorations on our Hanukkah drip mats.
- Played with the classroom dreidels
- Applied Velcro to our Hanukkiah bases and to our crayons.
- Practiced writing our names
- Used instruments while dancing in our classroom
- Played with the cube blocks in the manipulative center as well as the dominoes, tweezers, and dinosaurs.

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
- Socialized with our friends during snack and lunch and in the housekeeping

center.

- Discussed personal space between friends and how to talk to our friends and give them their personal space.

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.

Hanukkah Happenings On Thursday December 22nd at 10:00am.

Thank you!!!