

The Dogs / Ha Klaveem Week of January 3-6, 2011

With the New Year came new exciting activities. Additional activities are being included in the daily schedule this month. First, "The Loving Letters" are the letters from the alphabet chosen by the children every week. The children were asked to bring in pictures from magazines and newspapers that start with that letter. This week we are working on letter "S". These will be utilized during discussions in circle time and pasted on a chart. Second, the Fruits and Vegetables Challenge emerged from a book that showed us the different food groups and their benefits. This is a goal we have as a group; our goal is to reach 280 servings of fruits and vegetables by the end of this month. Please send your child with a fruit or vegetable she or he enjoys eating for snack or lunch. Moreover, as our Tot Mitzvah gets closer we are intensively working on practicing our parts for the play and talking about life cycles.

Math-

Every day we had a calendar count, and for attendance we wrote down a math sentence showing how many boys and girls were in the class. During transition children played games on the white board such as "Man on the Bima" and memory games.

Literacy:

We read "Biscuit and the Baby" by Alyssa Satin, "One Night" by Jackie Carter and "When I Was Little" by Jamie Lee Curtis. As part of our discussions we all agreed to vote on which color should be used for our tallitot and on which loving letter we should work with this week. Also during circle time we discussed the importance of including a variety of nutritious food into our diets to keep us healthy and strong.

Science:

Children at this age are curious about the different kinds of weather such as rain, thunderstorms, and hurricanes. This week it was easy to recognize that this is winter time. Some children mentioned that they have watched the Weather Channel and heard that a couple of days we going to be a bit cooler than usual.

Gross Motor-

Cantor Zack is helping us practice for our upcoming event, Tot Mitzvah January 22nd at 10:30 a.m. The children fully and freely explored their motor skills with Ms. Alisa during gym class. They run, leaped, skipped and balanced through

excitement obstacles stations in the indoor gym and stretched their bodies out with many yoga positions.

Fine Motor:

Every time children play in centers with manipulatives (small toys), and art supplies they are reinforcing their fine motor skills. In addition they are using writing tools correctly and demonstrating hand/eye coordination.

Social/Self Help:

Every day we have a group activity we are practicing following the classroom rules and participating attentively in activities. We are also encouraging treating others with respect, the same way we want others to treat us.

Judaic:

This week we sang Hatikvah every morning at Shalom Time. We recited the blessings before and after every meal. On Friday, went to the Wasley Chapel to tell the week good bye and get ready for Shabbat.

Reminders:

- Please send your child in with a kosher labeled snack every day (Don't forget to pack fruits and vegetables).
- Do not forget to recycle all your empty ink cartridges and old cell phones. We are collecting them for our Funding Factory fundraiser.
- Please contact the PTO committee to volunteer for upcoming events.

Thank you to our Ma'alacheem for bringing in yummy snacks.

Shabbat Shalom!
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