



**Week of January 3rd – January 6th, 2012
The Monkeys/Ha' Koofeem**

**Crash your cymbals; toot your horns,
New Year's here! New Year's here!
A time for happy drumming,
new birthdays are coming.
New Year's Day! New Year's Day!**

Welcome young 2's! We are so excited to have new friends in our classroom. We are looking forward to learning through play with you.

Math:

We counted how many months are in a year and began singing the days of the week.

We continue counting boys and girls and adding them up for the total of children.

We learned that now there are 11 friends. We now have 6 boys and 5 girls.

We did this by using different colored people connectors to separate the boys from the girls.

We continue counting how many centers are in the classroom and how many children are allowed in each center (4 in housekeeping, 4 in library, 3 in blocks, 2 in art and sand table, 4 in manipulative and 4 in writing).

We practiced the days of the week and counting using "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" flannel board.

We continue practicing our colors using "Brown Bear" book and flannel board.

We continue practicing our colors with "Little Mouse, Little Mouse Where are you Hiding?"

On **Tuesday** and **Thursday**, we counted how many kids were in the classroom (5) and began counting how many centers and how many friends are allowed in each center.

Language/Literacy:

We began talking about the beginning of a New Year; we re-visited Rosh Hashanah, the beginning of the Jewish New Year.

We talked about how many months are in a year (12) and sang the days of the week song to learn how many days are in a week (7).

On **Tuesday** and **Thursday**, we talked about starting school, meeting new

friends and learning new routines. We compared starting school to the starting of a new year. We read "llama, llama misses momma" and "All Kinds of Kisses". Picture/Name association in centers and in cubbies. Children learn to associate objects with the pictures on shelves, it helps them clean up as they learn that each toy has a place.

Every Friday we read "Dinosaur on Shabbat"

We continue taking attendance and practicing our "Ani Po" (I am here) and "Lo Po" (Not here) response.

We continue discussing classroom and playground rules.

Science/cooking:

Explored weather (we looked outside the door with our binoculars and discussed if it was sunny, rainy, cloudy etc).

We played with new magnet games in our science center.

We talked about recycling by using the new recycling game we got. We have pictures of different items and we have to sort them out according to the recycling bin they go into, glass, plastic, paper etc.

Gross Motor:

Music and movement with Morah Beth.

Exercised with Morah Alisa during gym class.

Music and movement in the classroom to different songs.

Walked up and down the stairs to go to the library and on the playground to go on the slide.

Rode tricycles and cars in the playground.

Running, jumping, climbing on the rock wall, kicking and throwing balls.

Fine Motor:

We used crayons, color pencils and markers to draw during center time.

We painted at the easel.

Used different manipulative (pegs, people connectors, tower builders).

Coloring, gluing, cutting.

Social/Self-Help:

We continue working on having/giving personal space.

We continue working on using our nice words (please and thank you).

We began working on our sharing skills; we share our toys and play together.

Washed hands after potty, for snack and lunch and after entering the classroom.

We continue doing our helping hands jobs.

Take food out of lunch boxes.

Eat independently with a spoon/fork.

Throw garbage in the trashcan.

Pushed chairs in, after sitting at the table.

Use please and thank you, be kind to our friends.

Tuesday and **Thursday** class is working on new routines, sitting on carpet for circle time, washing hands and following rules. Most importantly we are learning that mommies always come back! 😊

Specials this week were: Music with Morah Beth and Cantor Zach an gym with Morah Alisa.

Our Malachim this week were: Katie and Lindsay.

Shabbat Shalom
Morah Dalia and Morah Diane