

The Ladybugs/Ha Mushiot

Week of January 3rd - January 6th, 2012

Happy and Healthy New Year to everyone!!! I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break!!! I am so happy to see everyone back and to start off the New Year with a bang!!! This week The Ladybugs enjoyed talking about what they did over winter break and enjoyed making a big book about their most favorite thing they did!! Look for it to come home next week along with our Thanksgiving book that is still going around. We also started to talk a little bit about our next lesson which will be life cycles. Your children may have told you about how our babies joined us in circle time and we talked about what babies need and how our parents took care of us as babies.

Literacy

- Read book about babies.
- Reminded our class of our classroom rules
- Sang our morning song
- Talked about what we did over our winter break as a class
- Found our names on the Ani Po/Lo Po chart, spelled our names and sounded out the first letters of our names and our friends names
- Continued to reinforce the following Hebrew words: Adom (red), Yarak (green) Tsahov (Yellow), Kahol (Blue), and Katom (Orange). Also introduced the word bube (baby)

Math

- Counted how many boys and girls are in our classroom and then completed a math problem totaling the number of children all together
- Counted how many children are allowed in each center
- Talked about the numbers in our new year and said them as a class

- Recognized shapes during calendar and learned that our shapes are in a pattern
- Counted to 10 in Hebrew and English before snack
- Picked out from a group of numbers what the appropriate number for the date is
- Counted the days of the week

Science

- Determined the weather daily by looking outside and then finding the corresponding sign to post in our room
- Talked about the different seasons
- Enjoyed exploring outside the different insects we have been seeing on the playground
- Talked about the change in weather and how cold it has been!

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.
- Participated in gym with Ms. Alisa and enjoyed going through an obstacle course, and playing pillow polo.
- Danced and sang with Miss Beth. Enjoyed using sticks as instruments.
- Stretched and reached for the sky in our room, and did lots of other exercises! Danced to bead bag boogie, and Head Shoulders Knees and Toes.

Fine Motor

- Used the mouse and computer keys during center time
- Completed new puzzles that were donated to our class
- Built structures with blocks in the block center (this week it was a parking lot they built!)
- Used scissors to cut pieces of paper
- Painted at the easel
- Used crayons, markers to draw our favorite thing from winter break
- Practiced writing our names
- Used instruments while dancing in our classroom
- Cooked and made yummy creations in housekeeping
- Played with the big buttons and dominoes.

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.

- Practiced putting on our sweatshirts and our jackets for the playground and when we went home.

Shabbat Shalom,

Morah Karen

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.