



**The Butterflies/Ha Parpareem
Week of January 3 - 9, 2012**

Math:

Every day for attendance, we create a mathematical equation counting the number of boys to the number of girls in our class. We continue our most popular math activity, the estimation jar, where the children guess how many items are in the jar and later count to see who had the closest answer. During transition, the children played games on the white board using shapes, letters and numbers. In addition to all of that, we are still keeping up with our 100 days of school chart.

Literacy:

The children recognize words on the schedule and days of the week. They also know upper and lowercase letters in our matching game. The children are also becoming familiar with color words. As part of our schedule, the "Butterfly News" activity was added to our daily discussion. This will let the children practice how to write down the date correctly and properly pronounce the events in our classroom. We had a discussion on what foods are healthy and talked about the many different fruits and vegetables. This week we started learning about life cycles, starting with infancy and then we will go up to a bar/bat mitzvah. We have been sharing items from when we were a baby.

Science:

We are observing the weather and changes in temperature. The children are becoming more aware of the changes happening during this time of year. The Butterflies are members of the two-bite club. We are going to eat two bites of fruits and vegetables and keep track of them until we reach 234 bites.

Gross Motor:

We sang with Cantor Zack and played pillow polo with Morah Alisa. On the playground, the children are riding tricycles, running, jumping, playing with balls and climbing the rock wall.

Fine Motor:

We started making a big book, the first chapter being "When I Was A Baby."

Social/Self Help:

Upon entering the classroom, the children sign their names. They are learning to also write Mom and Dad on the green forms. The children unpack their backpacks. They are learning to treat their friends with respect, the same way they would want to be treated. The children are learning not to interrupt the person who is speaking. They are also taking turns and listening to their classmates and teachers. The children pour their own drinks, pass out cups and napkins.

Judaic:

The children are learning the names of the colors in Hebrew. On Monday we had Havdalah to end the week and start a new one. We sing Hatikvah every morning and recite the blessing before and after every meal.

If your child has not sent in a baby picture, please send one in. Also, we will be sending home parts for your child to recite for the Tot Mitzvah. Please review their lines with them. The day of the Tot Mitzvah, please have your child dress as a plague that you and your child decide upon. Be creative and enjoy!

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Morah Esta / Morah Myra