



### **The Elephants / Ha Peleem**

**Week of January 3rd – January 6th, 2011**

**Welcome back from the Winter Break everyone! The children had so much to tell me about their awesome time at home. Sounds like everyone really enjoyed time with their families and friends! Happy New Year to you all!!!!!!!**

**This week the Elephants had open ended discussions about their time at home. They were each very excited to share their favorite moment of their winter break. We then created a class big book to capture their memories of Winter Break. I will be sending it home as soon as it gets laminated and put together. Enjoy!**

**We also touched on the lifecycle of a Jewish child. In the next few weeks we will be talking about a Baby Naming/Bris, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, and Jewish Weddings. If you have any pictures or albums of their baby naming, your Bar/Bat Mitzvah, or Wedding please send them in for us to see!**

#### **Literacy**

- Created a big book titled My Favorite Thing I did on Winter Break!!!
- Read books about babies
- Discussed what we would need to care for a baby
- Literacy chart- If a new baby was coming into the house what would we need for the baby?
- Found names during morning circle
- Identified the letters and sounds of the letters in our names during circle
- Recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang Hatikvah during circle
- Found letters around the room during transitions

## **Math**

- Counted to the date during calendar
- Identified shapes and colors while making our head dress with foam shapes
- Recognized numbers during calendar
- Counted to 10 in Hebrew and English before snack and lunch

## **Science**

- We talked about the season of winter
- We talked about the clothes we need when it is cold
- We talked about the winter in Florida is different than Winter in other parts of the USA
- We discussed the new month and year

## **Gross Motor**

- Danced the Animal Action, Freeze Dance, and other body movement songs
- Explored the play ground – bikes, houses, slides, trucks, rock climbing wall, playing chase, air boat, ball( catching and throwing)
- We did an obstacle course and Pillow Polo in Gym with Miss Alisa

## **Fine Motor**

- Explored with a variety of materials in the art center
- Illustrated their page in our class big book
- Practiced writing their name on their work
- Created tall towers and bridges with our new block set
- Feed the Bunny game- taking tweezers and picking up carrots to feed the bunny
- Played with puzzles
- Played with Legos and other manipulatives

## **Social/Self Help**

- We came back and reviewed all of our rules and routines of the day
- Continued to work on unpacking backpacks, sorting snacks, throwing out trash, packing up and proper hand washing skills.
- Cleaned up after centers
- Practiced using our words with our friends- at home if they are whining ask them to use their words so that you can understand their needs, role model proper words for them to use when in a conflict with their siblings or friends

Shabbat Shalom,

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