

The Dogs / Ha Klaveem Week of January 9-13, 2012

The Pre-K children and teachers practiced for the Tot Mitzvah every day this week. Everybody is very excited! The day is coming and we can't wait to share with all of you this special day. You will be getting a tallit, this is a PTO project. Please take the time to decorate it with your children. We appreciate the time you put into making the Tot Mitzvah; a memorable day.

Math-

- Counted the number of boys and girls in our class.
- Counted the days of the week and the months of the year.
- Every day we added a number to our 100 days of school board.
- Played games about shapes, adding and subtracting numbers.
- Estimation Jar: 69 Hershey kisses.
Congratulations to Aaron that guessed the exact amount!

Literacy:

- We read "Love you Forever" by Robert Munsch, "Someday" by Alison McGhee & Peter Reynolds, and "My Bar Mitzvah" by Richard Rosenblum.
- Played the game "Guess the baby?" Every baby was placed on a chart, each child had a chance to guess who's baby picture it was. At the end, each child hold onto their picture and counted how many guesses were right.

Science:

- Discussed facts about weather and temperature.
- We talked about life cycles and the changes that take place in every stage.

Gross Motor-

- We are encouraging team games and cooperative play at the block center and playground.
- Children are being motivated to enjoy their time in open spaces like the playground and indoor gym. This is an excellent opportunity to foster their large muscles' development.

Fine Motor:

- We decorated kippot and tallitot that we will wear the day of our special event.
- We designed "The Burning Bush" centerpiece that will be displayed in the Tot Mitzvah.
- We started a new big book about life cycles that shortly will be taken by your child to read with you.
- This week our major projects required cutting, tracing, writing and pasting. Tasks that require the coordination of small muscles.

Social/Self Help:

- We had a Fire Drill early Wednesday morning. Practicing how to evacuate the building for a fire or any other emergency is very important for our safety. Rehearsing how to exit the building is a way to ensure your children will respond effectively if confronted by danger.
- Recited Pledge of Allegiance every morning.
- Learning to keep inside voices when we are in the classroom.
- Practicing pouring drinks, opening lunch, passing out cups, napkins and paper towels.
- Encouraging happy choices and learning how to apologize.

Judaic:

- Attended Havdalah on Monday morning.
- Sang Hatikvah every morning at Shalom Time.
- 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:

- ✓ Tot Mitzvah Sunday January 22nd, 2012.
- ✓ Please send your child in with a labeled *kosher snack* every day. We are still working on the Fruits and Vegetables Challenge.
- ✓ Do not forget to recycle all your empty ink cartridges and old cell phones. We will collect them for our Funding Factory fundraiser. We are also participants of the Campbell Labels fundraiser program, save them and bring them over!
- ✓ Please help us collect new pajamas for infants, children and adolescents. This is a PJ Library program.

Thank you to our Ma'alachim for bringing snacks.

Shabbat Shalom!

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