



The Elephants / Ha Peleem

Week of January 9 – January 13th, 2011

This week we continued our unit on the lifecycle of a Jewish child. We picked a baby doll (Buba) from our housekeeping center. We named the baby, took care of the baby, and loved the baby like it was our very own. We took the baby with us to all specials and outside. We talked about when a Jewish baby is born the baby has a baby naming or a bris. This is a special ceremony when the parents make a covenant with god that the child is going to be brought up Jewish with Jewish morals and beliefs. We are preparing for this babies baby naming on Friday, January 20th at 10:20am in the Wasley chapel. I hope you all can come!

Literacy

- Read books about babies
- Discussed what we would need to care for a baby
- Literacy chart- How long do you think it will take for our lima beans to grow?
- Open ended conversations about babies, what they need, how to take care of a baby, how long it grows in the mommy's tummy
- Showed them birth certificates and baby naming certificates
- 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

- Voted on if the baby was a boy or a girl

- Voted on the name of the baby boy- the winner was **Baby Jacob Elephant**
- Drew a graph to show the most voted on name – concept of more/less
- Measured the baby with a measuring tape
- Compared the length of our class baby to when they were babies
- Showed them how much they have grown since they were born by using the measuring tape
- 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 planted lima seed beans in a plastic bag with a damp paper towel
- We showed them the lifecycle of a lima bean and compared it to a baby
- 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 had music with Miss Beth and used the parachute
- We marched around the classroom with instruments

Fine Motor

- Explored with a variety of materials in the art center
- Created a panel of material to tie together to make a blanket for Baby Jacob Elephant
- Began to create a birth certificate for Baby Jacob
- 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

- 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,

Morah Sheri

*******Please mark your calendars*******

The 3- Year old Team will be having a Baby Naming on Friday, January 20th, 2011. This ceremony will be held in the Wasley Chapel at the same time as our Shabbat (10:20am). Following the ceremony we will have our Shabbat snack together in the indoor playroom to celebrate! Hope you all can make it!

Mark your calendars now for February 19th at 10:00 a.m. Sylvia Rouss author of Sammy Spider books. She will be here at Temple Torah for a fun filled morning.

Sunday March 4th will be Temple Torah Community Wide Purim Carnival. All new rides come dunk our Rabbi and Cantor!