



The Koala News (Ha Koala)

Week of January 16th – 20th, 2011

Literacy

- Topic of the week Babies.
- Talk about what babies need and how they get their needs met.
- Discuss what a birth certificate is and what type of information goes on it.
- Talk about why Jewish babies celebrate their birth with a baby naming.
- Discuss what babies eat and why.
- Sing the letter factory song.
- Talk about the letters in the days of the week and make their sound.

Math

- We measured baby Cotton Ball and compared his height to the height of our friends when they were born.
- Made patterns using shapes
- Talked about what numbers make up 16, 17, 18, 19, 20.
- Calendar/ counting the days in a week and what day comes next.
- On Fridays we count our Tzedakah money before Shabbat in Hebrew and English.
- Talked about the value of each coin and we showed them different ways of adding up to a dollar.

Science

- Make baby food using bananas.
- Discussed what the work “twins” means.
- Discussed the changes that babies go through during their first year.
- Discuss the weather change and do a weather prediction for the following day.

Gross Motor

- We gave baby Cotton Ball a bath and talked about the safety measures we need while in the bath.
- We danced to Kids BOP CD.
- Played with the parachute in our classroom and tried to keep the balls from falling.
- During playground time we play with bike, climbing wall, running, and played with various sports equipments.

Fine Motor

- We made a baby blanket using droppers and liquid paint for our baby Cotton Ball.
- We worked on our Tot Mitzvah center piece using fabric, glue, clay and other materials.
- We practiced writing our names with our name tags from the writing center on paper, chalk boards, and white board.
- We played with the sand in our sand table and played with play dough.

- Throughout the day our friends used a variety of art materials in the art center daily.

Social/Self-Help

- We have discussed many times when we should say excuse me, like when someone is talking and you have something to say.
- We discussed saying please and thank you, and we talked about being respectful and what is acceptable and unacceptable behavior in the classroom.
- We talked about what to do when the children come in the class room in the mornings and at lunch time they should be packing up their lunch boxes and their own folders.
- We are encouraging the children to work together as a team and to be kind and respectful to one another.

Reminders:

Each Friday, your child should wear their school shirt and bring tzedekah for Shabbat.

We collect empty ink cartridges and old cell phones as we are a part of the Funding Factory. We collect Campbell Labels for points.

Have a peaceful Shabbat.

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