

The Polar Bears and Tigers

Monday – Friday

Monday January 9th – Friday January 13th, 2012

Monday

Monday was red day! The children had a wonderful time wearing red shirts to school and learning all about the color red! We learned that the Hebrew word for red is *adom*. We also had a great time looking around the room to find all different items that were red such as apples from housekeeping, red crayons and red finger paint! The children used their cognitive skills to sort red items from other colors. The children also had a fantastic time making red jello! We learned that the jello starts as a powder and dissolves in water creating a liquid. Then once it comes out of the fridge it is a solid. The children had a great time reading the story, *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* and recognizing the red bird in the story! The children also had a great time in Havdalah and secular music with Ms. Beth.

The class also had a wonderful time using their gross motor skills on the playground by climbing, running, jumping and riding bikes! We also had a wonderful time using our interpersonal skills while on the playground in the outdoor kitchen while pretending to cook food for the Monkey class!

Tuesday

On Tuesday we had green day! The class had a great time wearing green shirts and sorting red and green toys during circle time! We also had a great time learning that the colors red and green are in the rainbow! The class had a great time walking around the school finding all kinds of different things that were green! Next we used our observation skills as we made green jello to layer on top of our red jello! We observed that the red jello was a solid and the green jello was a liquid until we put it in the fridge. We also had a great time during center time using our fine motor skills to finger paint with green paint! The children had a blast! We also had a great time using green crayons, markers, scissors and pencils in the art center. The Polar Bears especially loved using green play-doh and green play-doh tools to increase their small muscle strength.



Wednesday

Blue was the color of the day on Wednesday. The children had so much fun recapping the colors of the previous days and incorporating blue into our colorful mix! The children were able to sort red, green and blue items into the corresponding piles. We had a fantastic time using blue paint and blue sponges to sponge paint on blue paper in art! We also had a great time learning a few color songs! We had a great time adding blue jello to our jello rainbow! The children also had a great time heading to gym to use their gross motor skills to run and jump through a great obstacle course with coach Alisa!

Next we were off to the classroom for circle time. We used our math skills to count all of the blue items we collected from our classroom! The children had a great time counting the number of red and green items we collected as well! We then had a wonderful time using our fine motor skills to play with blue play-doh and blue play-doh tools!!

After center time the class had a fabulous time using their gross motor skills on the playground to climb on the rock wall and swamp boat!



Thursday

Thursday was yellow day! The Polar Bears looked fantastic in their yellow outfits! We had a great time in circle time as we added yellow to our list of colors we collected from around the room. We counted the number of red, green, blue and yellow toys and found out that we had more green toys than any other color! We also had a great time sorting the toys by color!

Next we had a great time using our gross motor skills out on the playground to play with balls, ride bikes and cars and climb the jungle gym!

After playground we headed off to secular music with Ms. Beth. We had a great time playing instruments and singing songs! The children love music with Ms. Beth!

Once music was finished we headed back to the classroom for some center time. The children really enjoyed using their scientific skills as we made yellow jello and added it as the next layer in our jello rainbow! We also had a great time using our fine motor skills to play with yellow play-doh and play-doh tools! In the art center the children also had a great time creating yellow shape people out of yellow construction paper, yellow paint, yellow markers and crayons and yellow stickers!

We also had a wonderful time doing Shabbat in our classroom with the children for the classmates who will not be at school on Friday! We enjoyed singing the Shabbat blessings, collecting tzedakah and dancing to some wonderful Shabbat music!

Friday

On Friday the children had a great time recapping the events of the week. We recalled all of the colors we have learned this week and added orange as our last color of the week! We learned that Next we checked our orange is also in the rainbow and had a great time making our last jello layer...You guessed it! Orange!

Next we had a great time gearing up for Shabbat. We sang all of the Shabbat blessings, collecting tzedakah and dancing to some wonderful Shabbat music. We also had a great time reading the story, The Shabbat Box. Next we went to the Wasley chapel to celebrate Shabbat with the Tiger and Monkey classes! And as a fantastic Shabbat treat we had a wonderful time eating our jello rainbow! It was delicious!

Reminders: Please be conscious of any allergies (dairy) when sending in any snacks for the class. Also please send your child in wearing sneakers every day for the safety of our students.

Shabbat Shalom,

Morah Megan and Morah Allyson