



The Dogs / Ha Klaveem  
Week of January 23-27, 2012

Our 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School is almost here. On February 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be celebrating it all day!  
Please do not forget to send your child in with 100 items by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Math-**

Every day we had a calendar count, and for attendance we counted how many boys and girls were in the class. During transition children played memory games and measured how heavy or light things are. Aaron guessed the right amount of lollypops in the estimation jar this week.

**Literacy:**

We are trying to incorporate new words and meanings into our everyday conversations to expand children's vocabulary. These words are being used to describe the events for "The Dog News" activity and for writing on our journals.

**Science:**

We read "What is Rain?" by Alan Trussell-Cullen and Clifford: The Stormy Day Rescue" by Kimberly Weinberger.

Children at this age are curious about the different kinds of weather such as rain, thunderstorms, hurricanes and other conditions that are present during the different seasons. We are observing the weather and changes in temperature every day.

**Gross Motor-**

At the playground, there is a lot of action taking place. It is in the outdoors that children can fully and freely experience motor skills like running, leaping, climbing, grasping and jumping. Lately, the children have shown interest in playing with big trucks and mulch. This activity is helping them explore other areas and skills on the playground like cooperative play and communication.

**Fine Motor:**

Every time children play in centers with manipulatives (small toys), crayons, markers and art supplies they are reinforcing their fine motor skills using writing tools correctly and demonstrating eye/hand coordination.

This week we worked on creating scrapbooks that captured all the special moments of the Tot Mitzvah and at the end of each scrapbook you will be able to see how every child autographed it.

**Social/Self Help:**

We read "Let's Talk About Being Forgetful" by Joy Berry.

Every time we have a group activity we are practicing following the classroom rules and participating attentively in activities.

**Judaic:**

We ended our week celebrating Shabbat. We sang Hatikvah every morning at Shalom Time and recited the blessings before and after every meal.

- Please send your child in with a labeled snack every day. This coming week we are asking you to send in fruits and vegetables for snack or lunch.
- Do not forget to recycle all your empty ink cartridges and old cell phones. We will collect them for our Funding Factory fundraiser.

Thank you to our Ma' alachim for bringing in snacks.

Shabbat Shalom!  
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