



## **The Penguins/Ha Pegveneem**

**Week of January 23 – January 27, 2012**

Our Tot Shabbat was amazing, we are so proud of our Penguins and the entire Pre K .We are continuing, our fruit and vegetable challenge this month. The children are all trying new foods and are now members of the Two Bite Club. The goal for the month is 390 fruits and vegetables to be eaten at school in January. If we reach our goal we will earn a very special party. We also talked about the Chinese New Year and it's the year of the dragon. We also played a super fun game of guess the baby picture. The children loved this game and we are creating a poster so all of you can participate as well. We are preparing to plant sunflowers in our garden in preparation for *Tu B'Shevat*.

### **Math-**

The penguins are continuing to count how many friends are in our class, boys, girls and how many altogether. Every day we count the calendar and the days in English and in Hebrew. We are also counting until we reach the 100th day of school. This lets us do a lot with addition and subtraction. During our fruit and vegetable challenge we are doing lots of adding daily, weekly and monthly totals. Our 100 day of school is almost here. We have been so busy counting to 100 we can't believe it's almost here.

### **Literacy**

We read many books this week, including "Lunchroom Lizard", "Dragon Tales" and "Camels Have Humps". We continued with Loving letters and Sara picked the letter M. If you have not done so already please send in two pictures that start with the letter M. Remember to allow your child to pick the two pictures. If they pick something that does not begin with the letter M, it is okay to send it in so we can discuss what letter it does begin with. We also talked about different languages and how to say good bye. Like Adios is Spanish, Shalom is Hebrew and Japan is Sayonara.

### **Fine Motor-**

We have started Penguin news which really helps with writing skills. We have been busy working on our big chapter book which we can't wait for you to see it. The children have been busy writing, drawing and coloring their pages. We have also been busy writing all of our friends names for our baby picture game.

### **Gross Motor-**

We used our outdoor playground equipment to slide, use steps, climb and run. We also had gym this week with Miss Alisa. This is where we learned some new Yoga moves.

### **Science**

We are talking about trees and plants in preparation for Tu B'Shevat. We have begun to look at the life cycle of a tree.

### **Judaic-**

We had Havdallah and Shabbat this week. During Havdallah, we light the braided candle, pretend to drink the wine and smell the besamim. The besamim smells so good just like the sweet new week we are welcoming in.

Every day we have been practicing our Hebrew colors, we often use this as a transition game when we go from one activity to another.

### **Reminders:**

Don't forget to send in your old cell phones and ink cartridges for the funding factory.

Also check your pantry for Campbell's soup labels.

Thanks for letting us share in your child's life we love having them in our class they make our days at school wonderful! We truly love each and every one of them.

Shabbat Shalom

Morah Sharona and Morah Rachel.