



The Polar Bears and Tigers

Monday – Friday

August 28th – September 2nd, 2011

Monday

On Monday the children enjoyed their first Havdalah service of the school year. The children also had a great time using their kinesthetic skills to dance with Ms. Beth this week. We had a blast revisiting the topic of creation and creating different days of creation in the art center using our fine motor skills. We also had a great time running, jumping, climbing and biking on the playground with the Monkey class.

Tuesday

On Tuesday the students had a good time learning the good morning song and morning routines such as Ani Po and washing our hands when we come into the room for the day. We also had a good time unpacking our own lunchboxes and communication folders daily. We also had a good time walking down to the chapel to enjoy Judaic music! We sang Shabbat songs and learned a Rosh Hashanah song! The children also had a good time finishing up their beautiful creation pictures by gluing, using scissors, markers and crayons to decorate them.

Wednesday

On Wednesday the children had a great time discussing creation and the different items that were created each day. The children learned that on the fourth day land and sea were created. We then used our science skills to hypothesize what would

happen if we put a sea shell in a bucket of water, would it sink or float? We then gathered several classroom items and each child tossed a different object into the water to find out if our hypothesis was correct. We had a blast! The children also had a great time using our gross motor skills to walk on balance beams, play basketball and tumble on tumbling mats in the indoor playroom.

Thursday

On Thursday we had a great time discussing Shabbat. We learned that we give tzedakah each week to help people who are less fortunate than we are. We also learned that we do three blessings on Shabbat, one over the candles, one for the Kiddush cup and one over the challah! We also had a great time reading, "The Shabbat Box". The children enjoyed wearing their kippot and singing the blessings while some children held the toy Shabbat items. The children also had a great time counting out the seven days of creation. We then went around the room and counted seven of different things in the classroom such as blocks or trains! The children also had a great time sorting animals for the fifth day of creation. The children were able to sort animals into piles according to size and color! The children also used their fine motor skills to decorate our tzedakah box using tissue paper and beautiful jewels.

Friday

On Friday the class had a great time singing and dancing to different Shabbat songs before services. The children then enjoyed reading, "The Shabbat Box" again. We then collected tzedakah in our beautiful new tzedakah box. We then asked the children, "If you could bring children who are sick something to make them feel better what would it be?" The children then really enjoyed going to Shabbat with the Monkey class and singing the blessings. The children also really enjoyed finishing their portfolios by coloring with markers, crayons and roller paint!

Reminders: Don't forget! There will be no school on Monday September 5th, 2011. Please be conscious of any allergies (dairy) when sending in snacks for the class. Please remember to send your child to school daily in sneakers in order to keep our children safe throughout the school day.

Shabbat Shalom!

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