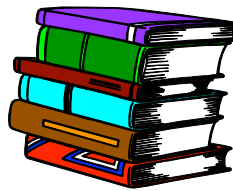




**The Koala News (Ha Koala)**  
**Week of August 29- September 2, 2011**



**Literacy**

- ~ We began discussing the creation of the world as we approach the Jewish New Year and the Torah story of Genesis. We discussed how G-d created the world in six days, resting on the seventh day (Shabbat).
- ~ We read two books about this subject. The books are titled, "The Beautiful World That G-d Made" by Rhonda Gowler Greene, and "In Our Image" by Nancy Sohn Swartz.
- ~ We created a literacy chart listing our thoughts about what G-d created. Each child contributed their ideas to our chart.
- ~ We learned a beautiful song about Creation. Ask your children to teach it to you!
- ~ Morah Beth started our year off by sharing her wonderful songs and instruments with us for music time. We love our Wednesday mornings with Morah Beth.
- ~ We started quiet reading time before leaving at 1:30. The children choose their own book from our class library and either read alone or with a friend.



**Math**

- ~ We counted the days of Creation, with song as well as sort and match picture cards.
- ~ We continue to count the number of friends in our class each day, and chart the numbers on our "Ani Po, Ani Lo Po" board.

- ~ We also continue to review our calendar and count all the days of the month as well as the days of the week. We had many days of August to count this week and learned that there are 31 days in the month of August!
- ~ We are also beginning to learn to count in Hebrew.



### **Science**

- ~ We discussed the weather each day and are becoming real meteorologists. Many of us predicted the next day's weather very accurately!
- ~ We are measuring things with our classroom scale. The children are very interested in discovering which items are heavier (shells or plastic bugs, for example).



### **Fine Motor**

- ~ We had a wonderful time making our class Creation poster. We used a variety of media – paint, glue, stickers, markers, scissors, and crayons.
- ~ We also made individual projects about Creation with stampers, stickers, markers, and crayons that we will be putting on our class bulletin board.



### **Gross Motor**

- ~ We enjoyed our outdoor playground, and were also able to play on the new grassy area in the playhouses and climbing equipment.
- ~ We played “Red Rover” with Morah Staci’s class on one of our rainy days.
- ~ We each moved one body part and our friends tried to copy our moves.



**Social /Self-Help**

- ~ We continued to practice our manners and are working on respecting our friends and teachers. We are trying our best to share and listen when someone else is speaking. We are also working on remembering to be respectful when walking down the hall by being quiet and not disturbing other classes or people who are working in their offices.
- ~ We are unpacking and packing our own lunches and snacks and throwing our own trash away.
- ~ We are raising our quiet hands when asking for help.
- ~ We have been singing the song “Shalom Chaverim” (hello or good-bye friends).

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We are sending home Tzedakah envelopes. Tzedakah means “righteousness” in Hebrew. One of the most important actions in Judaism is the giving of Tzedakah, which is also Tikkun Olam – repairing the world. We explained to your children that we will be collecting money to benefit the Miami Children’s Hospital this year. Please help them donate to this worthy cause.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us via email. Our addresses are as follows:

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**Shabbat Shalom from room 101**