



The Ladybug Class  
Morah Karen and Morah Jacki's Class  
Week of August 29th - September 2nd, 2011

**Monday**

This morning we started off with our weekly tradition. The whole school went to the indoor playroom for Havdalah. Havdalah signifies the end of Shabbat and we like to celebrate this as a school. This year we are trying something new for Havdalah. Each age group stood in a circle together and either held hands or swayed back and forth while we sang the blessings. The besimim is still passed around and the braided candle is still lit. This is a weekly tradition that we can't wait to continue throughout the year.

After we got back to our classroom we continued to explore ladybugs. We read the book "Ladybugs Red, Fiery, and Bright." It is a rhyming book that teaches about the life cycle of a ladybug from egg to larva, to molting and eventually metamorphosing into a ladybug. The children really enjoyed learning new facts about ladybugs.

During center time the children played in many different centers. They enjoyed playing in the music center, sand table, and the library. The children that chose to go to the art table started on making ladybugs. Each child had the chance to choose the color for their wings and their bodies. Later in the week the children will glue their "spots" on and their eyes on too. Look for our new bulletin board right past our classroom next week to see their ladybugs and what new facts everyone has learned!!

Happy birthday Sarah. Thank you for the yummy cupcakes.



**Tuesday**

We continued our morning routine with Ani Po/Lo Po and helping the children identify their names. After completing the calendar and weather for the day we all stood and put our hands over our hearts and recited the pledge of allegiance. After enjoying our snack we went back to our circle and read the book

“Creation.” This book is told from G-d’s point of view. It takes us on a journey through the different days of creation and everything that G-d creates. The children really seemed to enjoy this book. We talked about a project that the Ladybug class would start on together. A big book based on creation. We talked about how the first day was darkness and the class talked about what mediums they wanted to use to create darkness.

During center time the children enjoyed dressing up in housekeeping and cooking. They also enjoyed playing with the tool bench. The children also enjoyed building different structures on the carpet and playing on the computer.

The animals in our manipulative center are always very popular as is the “Lucky Duck” game. In our art center we started our big book on Creation. The children decided as a class to use many different mediums for our first page of darkness.

They used dot markers, black paint, and they ripped up black pieces of paper that were glued on.



### **Wednesday**

On Wednesday, we started off our circle time with Ani Po/Lo Po and completing the calendar. After completing the pledge of allegiance, and the weather we read a story. We read “The Grouchy Ladybug.” This is a classic book where a ladybug refuses to share its aphids with another ladybug. The ladybug then flies off and becomes very grouchy with several other animals most of them that are larger than him. It is a great story and the ending is wonderful (you need to read it to find out!!)

We were so excited today that we had our first special. We enjoyed having secular music today with Ms. Beth. We loved playing instruments and dancing.

The children enjoyed dancing, running, and jumping with Ms. Beth. It was a great time with Ms. Beth and the Ladybugs look forward to many opportunities with Ms. Beth.



During center time the children worked on the next part of our Creation book. The other half of darkness...Light is what we worked on. The children enjoyed gluing feathers on the page, coloring with colored pencils, crayons, and markers. They children also enjoyed gluing on cut up pieces of foam. Our book is starting to look GREAT!! Most of the children also completed their ladybugs today. Some of our friends glued their "spots" on their ladybugs, and glued their eyes on. They look adorable!!



### **Thursday**

On Thursday we continued our morning routine. We sang our morning song and identified our names on the Ani Po/Lo Po board. We completed the calendar, talked about the weather and recited the pledge too. We continue to discuss the topic of Creation. Today the children had the chance to each have a day of creation to hold up as we told the story. It was exciting for them to listen to the story and hold up their corresponding picture when it was their turn.



We talked about the next day of creation that we were going to create during center time. Today the children chose to finger paint to create the sky. They had a great time using this medium!! It was a lot of fun.

### **Friday**

On Friday, we celebrated Shabbat. We want to thank our Ma'lachim this week Brayden and Sarah this week for doing a great job!!! We appreciated the yummy snacks that you brought in for our class to share. We enjoyed reading "Once Upon a Shabbos" which is going to be our weekly tradition. This is a great book where one of the three bears strays from his home and ends up in Brooklyn.

When Bubbe tries to complete her Shabbos dinner she realizes she has no honey. One by one she sends her grandchildren and then her husband to the store to buy honey. Each time they return with no honey stating they were confronted by a bear. Bubbe claims they are "meshugah" and goes herself to the store. The end is a wonderful Shabbos dinner with a furry friend joining them.

We enjoyed singing Shabbat songs in our classroom and dancing. We also love singing all the prayers together in our class. We always enjoy going to the chapel for this weekly ritual. The children also get the chance to take turns giving our Tzedakah money to Miss Marcy during the service.

We hope everyone had a great week!!

Shabbat Shalom, Morah Karen and Morah Jacki

### **A few reminders:**

If you have not brought in a class plant, please do so next week.

Also, please bring in a family picture to display in our classroom.

Please send in only one snack for AM/PM snack.

Thank you so much!!! Enjoy your long weekend and we will see everyone on Tuesday!!