

The Cows/Par-ot

August 29th – September 1st, 2011



Week 2 was a success! The children are really coming along nicely with the routines of the day. The dynamic in the classroom is so wonderful. The children are already like one big happy Cow family! Moo! 😊

This week we focused on Creation and how God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh (Shabbat).

Math-

We counted the boys plus the girls to equal the number of students in the class. We wrote the equation on the board. The children that count get a chance to write the number on the board by themselves or with the help from the teacher. We discussed the seven days of the week and counted to the date out loud while pointing to the numbers during calendar. We recognized colors, letters, shapes, and numbers during transitions to wash our hands before snack and lunch. We played a game using felt board pieces and numbers 1-6 to tell the story of Creation. The children also used Creation cards that had the number and what was created on them, they used cubes to match the number of each day. This was a way for them to practice one to one correspondence.

Literacy-

This week we told the story of creation in many different ways. We used felt board pieces, puppets, songs, and books to tell the story. We had open ended discussions about Creation. We discussed what creation means- to make something. We asked the children how many days they thought it took God to make the world. We wrote their responses on a literacy chart.

Science-

We discuss the weather daily in circle time each day. The weather helper makes predictions each day. In discussing Creation, we had discussions about water, what lives in the water, trees, flowers, plants, the sun moon and stars, animals, and light and dark. We planted a small plant in our classroom after talking about the 3rd day of creation – land and plants.

Fine Motor-

The children have the opportunity in each center to use their fine motor skills daily. (Ex. dressing the dolls, building a high tower, doing puzzles) This week the children used a variety of materials and worked together to create the days of creation. We asked the children, what is your favorite thing that God created? The children then illustrated their response. Check out the outside bulletin board to see their work.

Gross Motor-

This week we danced in the classroom. They love the chicken dance, freeze dance, and bean bag boogie. They also enjoyed movement with Morah Beth for music time. The children also ride bikes, climbed the rock wall, went down the slides, played catch, and ran while playing chase on the playground.

Social /Self Help-

We continue to reinforce the classroom rules throughout the day and before any specials. The children are washing their hands with little to no help at all from the teachers. They opened their back packs each morning and put their folder, lunch box, and snack away. They pack up their lunches with little help from the teachers. They walked in a line much better this week when we move from place to place. We are still working on using our words to get what we want and to express to their friends what they like and dislike. At home if you could say to them- Please use your words so I can understand what you want. Tell me how that makes you feel and how you can make your friend feel better. I see that you are sad what can we do to make this all better? All of this dialogue will help them with their verbal skills and problem solving skills.

Judaic-

We started out our week by going to Havdalah. This ends Shabbat and starts a new week. We say the blessings before lunch and snack. We count in Hebrew to ten daily. We celebrated Shabbat this week in the Wasley Chapel with Morah Shari, Marcy,

Cantor Zachory and Rabbi Eddie. We read "Once upon a Shabbas". We learned how God created the world in six days and then rested on the seventh day. We talked about why we celebrate Shabbat which is our day of rest. We learned many Hebrew words this week- menucha/rest, mayeem/water, etz/trees, colors- red/adom, yellow/tza hov, green/yarok, blue/ kahol. Thanks to the Malacheem for bringing in delicious snacks for the class.

Shabbat Shalom,

Morah Sheri and Morah Fran

Reminders:

***Please have your child wear his/her blue shirt and bring Tzedakah every Friday**

Hope everyone has a wonderful Labor Day!!!! See you on Tuesday!

Please read the school's Tot Alert as it will keep you in the loop!