



The Elephants / Ha Peleem

Week of August 29 – September 2, 2011

The children are settling into our class routine nicely. This week we had fun exploring the 7 days of creation and were amazed at all the hard work G-d put into making our world a beautiful place.

Literacy

- Read books about Creation and Shabbat
- Learned what it means to create something
- Discussed the 7 days of creation using props focusing on Days 1,2 and 3
- Created a class big book called If you were G-d, What Would you Create? I will be sending it home for each family to read
- Learned a song about Creation
- Talked about things we do during the day and things we do at night
- Talked about the sky, land, and ocean and why they are important
- Talked about plants and trees and different things they give us
- Discussed Shabbat and Tzedakah
- Talked about sick children who need to stay in the hospital to get better and asked what they could use to feel more at home while they are there
- Reinforced Hebrew words: ani po (I'm here), lo po (not here), boker tov (good morning), chavareem (friends), yeled (boy), yelda (girl)
- Learned the Hebrew word B'reshit, in the beginning
- Found names during morning circle
- Talked about the steps in a science experiment

- Discussed what we needed to plant our daisies
- Each child made a hypothesis about how long it would take for our flowers to grow

Math

- Counted how many boys+girls= total children in the class and wrote the equation on the board
- Counted to the date during calendar
- Identified shapes and colors during calendar
- Recognized numbers during calendar
- Counted to 10 in Hebrew and English before snack
- Played a felt board game with the day of creation and it's corresponding number
- Counted unifix cubes to match a creation picture with number of the day it was created

Science

- Looked outside and determined the weather each day, we observed that it rained a lot this week
- Planted daisies in the classroom

Gross Motor

- Climbed the slides on the playground
- Rode bikes on the bike path
- Ran around with our friends on the playground
- Danced to music in the classroom.
- Played Red light, Green light and Red Rover, Red Rover on rainy days
- Stretched our bodies
- Danced, sang, and played instruments with Morah Beth. The elephants enjoyed playing with her drums!

Fine Motor

- Played with puzzles
- Manipulated the mouse on the computer
- Played with Legos and other manipulatives
- Illustrated a page in our class big book
- Finger painted day 1 of creation
- Ripped paper and glued it to a plate for day 2 of creation
- Drew a flower or tree for day 3 of creation

Social/Self Help

- Explored the classroom, I did some redecorating and the children noticed right away!
- Continued to work on unpacking backpacks, sorting snacks, throwing out trash, packing up and proper hand washing skills.
- Cleaned up after centers
- Practiced using our words with our friends
- Worked together to do an alphabet floor puzzle





Thank you Zachary for a yummy Shabbat snack!

Have a wonderful holiday weekend.

Shabbat Shalom,

Morah Staci

