

## The Koala News (Ha Koala)

### Week of January 30th – February 3rd, 2012

This was a fun and interesting week. We had Havdalah early Monday morning to say good bye to last week and hello to our new week. Our day usually begins with circle time where we talk about the days of the week; we work on the sounds of the letters as well as finding out what number comes next. We then say the Pledge of Allegiance where all of our friends repeat what we say. We then proceed to identify our names and last names by naming each letter. Then they put their name on the Ani Po/Lo Po chart. We then have each student choose their jobs for the week and continue on our day. This week the jobs were chosen as follow:

Line leader- Addison	Caboose – Avi
Weather-Ryan	Calendar - Sammi
Cups- Eva	Napkin helper - Alexa
Lunch Box helper – Matthew	Lights - Max
Door holders – Samuel and Joshie	Name helper - Jake
Flag holder – Ethan	Table cleaner - Guy

During this week we had lots of fun activities where we tie them into our next holiday Tu B'shvat. We got the chance to plant a red pepper plant and some seeds in our school garden. We water our area every day and make sure that our plant is getting plenty of sunlight and water for it to grow. Another activity that we had this week was sequencing. We were given six pictures that we had to cut out and our job was to place them in order and glue them on a sentence strip to explain the procedure of how to plant a tree. We then had an art project where we used paint to paint our own tree. Some of us were very creative in how we used our colors.

Some of our fun activities during this week included playing I Spy with shapes, making patterns with shapes and colors, read the story of "The littlest tree", and had a cool science experiment where we watched as a piece of celery "drank" some colored water and we watched how the water would rise through the celery veins. We discussed how fruits and vegetables grow in different ways and why. We also had fun dancing, singing, and playing on the playground throughout the week. We had a great week.

As we say good bye to our week we celebrate Shabbat with our friends and give the honor to our friend Ryan to be our Malach this week. We continue to work on our manners and our classroom rules. We continue to work on our word wall and the word of the week is **courteous**. We look forward to a great weekend and we will see all our friends back next week.

#### Reminders:

**Each Friday, your child should wear their school shirt and bring tzedekah for Shabbat. We collect empty ink cartridges and old cell phones as we are a part of the Funding Factory. We collect Campbell Labels for points.**

**Reminder for dads or that special someone, on Feb 13<sup>th</sup> is our "Dads and donuts" from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.**

**Don't forget to get your tickets for the Sylvia Rouss Event. This will take place on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The price is for a family of four, lunch is included and a book for Sylvia to sign.**

**Looking forward to seeing all of you there!!**

Have a peaceful Shabbat.

Morah Blake and Morah Vicky