



The Penguins/Ha Pegveneem

Week of January 30 – February 3, 2012

This week was a very full week of fun and learning well. Our week began with Havdalah we said goodbye to last week welcomed in our new week. We begin our day with Boker Tov Circle where we count our friends, say the Pledge and sing Hatikvah review our calendar and talk about our day ahead. This week we are preparing for Tu B'Shevat. We are also celebrating our 100 day of school with a party thank you everyone for bringing in 100 items. We counted measured and weighted these items as well as taking 100 steps. On Monday we choose the new jobs for the week. The children love to see what their new job will be. The jobs this week are as follows.

Noah- Napkin helper Sadie- Schedule Sara- Calendar Bailee- Meteorologist

Sarah- Cup helper Brandon- Flag holder Dylan- Door holder Emma- Door Holder

Etai- Line leader Joey- Blessing helper Kaci- Chair helper Matty- Name collector and

Maya- 100 day counter

Math-

The penguins continuing counting how many friends are in our class. We count the number of boys; girls and then we add those two numbers to see how many children are total that day. Every day we count the calendar and the days in English and in Hebrew. When counting the 100 days we are able to work on our additional and subtraction skills. During our fruit and vegetable challenge we are doing lots of adding daily, weekly and monthly by creating totals. Our 100th day of school is here and we had an amazing party to celebrate. We have been so busy counting to 100 we can't believe it's here.

Literacy

We read many books this week, including, "Little Seeds", "Rainbow Fish Lost At Sea", "Sammy Spider's First Tu B' Shevat", "How a Seed Grows, and "Because Nothing Looks Like G-D." We continued with our loving letters and Sadie picked the letter P. If you have not done so already please send in two pictures that start with the letter P.

Fine Motor-

We have started Penguin news which really helps with our writing skills. We did lots of writing with a new literacy chart that talks about what they know about trees. Here is what the children said:

Sarah- "Trees grow if watered." Noah- "They Grow."
Kaci- "They give us paper towels." Matty- "Mommy's plants grow 130 big."
Bailee- "They give apples." Joey- "They give us paper."
Sara- "They grow if watered." Emma- "They need sun to grow."
Sadie- "They give us bananas." Dylan- "They need dirt to grow."
Maya- "Caterpillars eat the leaves." Brandon- "They need dirt."

Gross Motor-

We used our outdoor playground equipment to slide, use steps, climb and run. We danced in music with Miss Beth.

Science

We are talking about trees and plants in preparation for Tu B'Shevat. We talked about the different parts of trees; including the roots, leaves and the bark. We labeled pictures of trees that we drew and painted. We also did an experiment using flowers, food coloring and water color. The children documented the changes in the flowers in their

journals. The flowers turned beautiful shades of pink and blue over the course of a few days.

Judaic-

We had Havdalah and Shabbat this week, and we are learning about Tu B' Shevat. This is the holiday that we get to say Happy Birthday to the Trees. Every day we have been practicing our Hebrew colors and body parts, we often use this as a transition game.

Reminders:

Don't forget to send in your old cell phones and ink cartridges for the funding factory.

Also check your pantry for Campbell's soup labels.

Thanks for letting us share in your child's life we love having them in our class they make our days at school wonderful! We truly love each and every one of them.

Shabbat Shalom

Morah Sharona and Morah Rachel.