

The Dogs / Ha Klaveem  
Week of February 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2012



Children couldn't be more excited! They can't wait for Dads and Donuts next Monday February 13<sup>th</sup>. We worked really hard this week to have every surprise ready for our special men.

**Math:**

Children are experimenting with toys at different centers while they expand their math skills like counting, matching, serration, classification and patterning.

- Counted the number of boys and girls in our class.
- Counted the days of the week and the months of the year.
- Estimation Jar: We guessed how many pink forks were in it. Thanks Samuel for sharing your sister's forks with us!
- Counted coins and bills in the Tzedakah box.

**Literacy:**

We read "It's Tu B'Shevat" by Edie Stoltz Zolkower, "The Surprise Garden" by Zoe Hall, "Carrots Don't Talk" by Kathryn E. Lewis, and "There is a Carrot in my Ear" by Alvin Schwartz. During circle time we discussed what we like to do with our dads and what our dads do best.

We played interactive reading games on the computer. In "Pajama Sam 2" the main character is a superhero that is trying to overcome his fear to darkness. Children are practicing how to solve problems and challenges as they learn. The children are showing more interest in exploring computer games and manipulating objects on the screen.

**Science:**

Children are becoming more aware of the changes happening during this time of the year. This week we talked about the ways the weather changes our routine and plans like the way we dress and the outdoor activities we can do.

#### Science Update:

The Pom Pom flowers absorbed half of the colored water and they look so bright and colorful. Also, we found a tiny green tomato growing on our tomato plant.

#### Gross Motor:

Children are being motivated to enjoy their time in the indoor gym and on the playground. These are excellent opportunities to foster their large muscle development.

- We danced to Ms. Beth's silly movements and Tu B'Shvat songs.
- We are encouraging team games and cooperative play at the block center and on the playground.

#### Fine Motor:

Ms. Shari bought sand for each classroom to fill up the sand tables. The children are strengthening their small muscles as they build castles, scoop and dig with the tools. Additionally, the conversations that come from this interaction are very entertaining.

- We worked on decorating the pages for our books for our dads.
- Every Monday we had a section of our day to write neatly in our official journal.
- We smashed and molded homemade play-doh every day at center time.

#### Social/Self Help:

- Practicing pouring drinks, opening lunch, passing out cups and napkins.
- Encouraging independence and being fair.
- Learning how to solve conflict in a respectful manner.
- Reviewed classroom rules, especially rule # 7 "Keep inside voices when we are in the classroom".

#### Judaic:

- Attended Havdalah on Monday and Shabbat on Friday.
- Sang Hatikvah every morning at Shalom Time.
- Recited the blessings before and after every meal.

#### Reminders:

- Please send your child in with a labeled kosher snack every day.
- Do not forget to recycle all your empty ink cartridges and old cell phones. We will collect them for our Funding Factory fundraiser. We are also participants of the Campbell Labels fundraiser program, save them and bring them over!
- Please help us collect new pajamas for infants, children and adolescents. This is a PJ Library program. And if you have not signed up for the PJ Library program yet, it is not too late!

- Torah Tots PTO will be glad to have you as a volunteer for the upcoming events.

Save the date:

- Sylvia A. Ross the author of Sammy Spider's will be at Temple Torah on Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- School wide Purim Carnival and Play Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Thanks to Ethan and Emma M. for bringing in delicious snacks for Shabbat.

Shabbat Shalom!

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