



### **The Elephants / Ha Peleem**

**Week of February 6th – February 10th, 2012**

**This week the Elephants planted a pepper plant in the school garden in honor of Tu B'Shevat. We also watched our pop corn seeds begin to sprout in the classroom. The children worked very hard to create some surprises for Dad's and Donuts on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. They are very excited to have their special man in their life in school with them! Can't wait to see you all there!!!!!!**

#### **Literacy**

- Read books about Tu B' Shevat and Dads
- Reviewed how trees and plants grow
- Literacy chart- What is something you did with your Dad that you will never forget?
- Answered questions about our Dads for their special card
- Open ended discussions about things that make them think of their Dad
- Found names during morning circle(some our children can already recognize letters in their name and we moved on to last names)
- Identified the letters and sounds of the letters in our names during circle
- Recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang Hatikvah during circle
- Found letters around the room talked about the sounds they make and words that start with that sound- during transitions

#### **Math**

- Counted to the date during calendar
- Recognized numbers during calendar

- Counted to 10 in Hebrew and English before snack and lunch
- Folded the paper in half when making a special card for Dad
- Measurement- when we made edible dirt with instant pudding and crushed Oreos
- Talked about doubling the recipe means you need two of each ingredient they ask for in the recipe

## **Science**

- Followed a recipe for edible dirt- used a measuring cup
- Watched out pop corn seeds grow- we looked each day and watered them
- Planted a pepper plant and seeds in the school garden- used different utensils to plant, gardening gloves, watering can
- We discussed the weather each day

## **Gross Motor**

- Danced the Animal Action, Freeze Dance, and other body movement songs
- Explored the play ground – bikes, houses, slides, trucks, rock climbing wall, playing chase, air boat, ball( catching and throwing)
- We had music with Miss Beth and sang Tu B' Shevat songs
- Played musical chairs
- Explored the indoor playroom on rainy day- long jump, basketball, bowling, ring toss, balance beam

## **Fine Motor**

- Explored with a variety of materials in the art center
- Practiced their cutting skills by cutting out different wrapping paper samples then glued them to their Daddy's surprise
- Practiced their writing by writing Dad on their surprise
- Dot painted on Daddy's surprise
- Drew a portrait of their Daddy
- Practiced writing their name on their work
- Created tall towers and bridges with blocks
- Feed the Bunny game- taking tweezers and picking up carrots to feed the bunny
- Played with puzzles
- Played with Legos and other manipulatives

## **Social/Self Help**

- 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- at home if they are whining ask them to use their words so that you can understand their needs, role model proper words for them to use when in a conflict with their siblings or friends

**\*\*\*\*We are out of baby wipes. If each of you could bring in (2) packages of baby wipes, we will be good to go through the end of the year. Thank you!!!!**

Shabbat Shalom,

Morah Sheri

**Please remember to bring Tzedakah each Friday. Some of the children have already lost their envelopes that were made in the beginning of the year or I keep forgetting to place them in your child's back pack, either way you can place the coins in a zip lock bag with their name on it! Thanks!!!!**

**We participate in a program that collects ink cartridges and old cell phones. When we send them in we accumulate points, these points allow the school to purchase new materials. Please keep that in mind when upgrading your phones or changing the ink! Thanks!!!!**