



## **The Penguins/Ha Pegveneem**

**Week of February 30 – February 10, 2012**

This week was a very full week of fun and learning well. Our week began with Havdalah we said goodbye to last week and welcomed in our new week. We began 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 celebrate Tu B'Shevat and are preparing for Dads and Donuts. On Monday we choose the new jobs for the week. The children love to see what their new job will be. This week we added one new job as we no longer need a 100 day counter. The class voted and "fish feeder" won by a unanimous vote. The jobs this week are as follows.

Noah- Schedule helper	Sadie- Calendar Helper	Sara- Cup Helper
Bailee- Flag holder	Sarah- Meteorologist	Brandon- Door holder
Dylan- Door holder	Emma- Line Leader	Etai- Blessing leader
Joey- Chair helper	Kaci- Name Collector	Matty- Fish Feeder
Maya- Napkin Helper		

### **Math-**

The penguins are continuing to counting how many friends are in our class. We count the number of boys then girls, and we add those two numbers to see how many total children are present that day. Every day we count on the calendar the days in English and in Hebrew. We are continuing our fruit and vegetable challenge. We are doing lots of adding daily, weekly and monthly and creating totals. We do many number games during our transition times. We are also learning to place shapes above, below and to

the side of other shapes as well as patterning. (Ex: Can you place a line above the third circle?)

### **Literacy**

We read many books this week, including, "Where Does God Live", "I'm Gonna Like Me", "Our Tree Named Steve", "Growing Vegetable Soup" and "A Grand Ole Tree." We continued with our loving letters and Maya picked the letter E. If you have not done so already please send in two pictures that start with the letter E. The children have also been hard at work on their "All About My Dad" books and the children are so excited to be reading the book on Monday at Dad and Donuts. The children all love our library's listening area where they can listen to books while looking at the words in the book.

### **Fine Motor-**

We have been doing a lot of writing in the "All About My Dad" book. We painted our special Dad trophy and we continued to do lots of writing on our literacy chart. The literacy page talks about what "My Dad". Here is what the children said:

Sarah- "Trees grow if watered."      Kaci- "My Dad is a song writer."

Bailee- "My dad is the best ever."      Joey- "My dad is my best dad."

Sara- "My dad is a chef."      Sadie- "My dad is sweet."

Dylan- "My dad is a good pain in the tush."

Maya- "My dad is nice."      Etai- "My dad is a lawyer."

### **Gross Motor-**

We used our outdoor playground equipment to slide, use steps, climb and run. We had gym with Miss Alisa where we did yoga and played tee ball. We also danced with Morah Beth.

### **Science**

We are talking about trees and plants for Tu B'Shevat. We read many books about trees. We also talked about how we did not need to water our sunflowers this week because we had lots of rain and too much water could hurt a plant.

## **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 incorporate this in our transition game.

## **Reminders:**

Don't forget to send in your old cell phones and ink cartridges for the funding factory. This school earns points towards new equipment and materials.

Also check your pantry for Campbell's soup labels. We also earn points for equipment when we accrue enough labels.

Our synagogue Purim carnival is March 4, 2012. Please see the preschool office for wrist bands.

February 13th is Dads and Donuts. We can't wait to spend this special time with our Penguin dads.

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.