



The Tiger Class Newsletter  
February 6 – 10th, 2012  
Monday-Friday

The Tiger Class has been busy learning this week about trees and Tu B'Shevat. Tu B'Shevat literally means "the fifteenth day of Shevat". In Israel, most of the rain falls in the winter, before the Hebrew month of Shevat. On the fifteenth day of Shevat, the almond trees begin drawing nourishment from their sap, and are just beginning to bloom. The new fruit is beginning to form, signaling the beginning of spring and a new year, or birthday, for the trees. On Tu B'Shevat God decides how bountiful the fruits of the trees will be in the year to come. After the exile of the Jews from Israel, Tu B'Shevat became very important in reinforcing Jewish ties to *Eretz Yisrael*. One very concrete way we do this is by eating fruits associate with the land of Israel. In Israel today, planting trees is a major part of this holiday. We planted tomato seeds in the school garden on Wednesday.

On Monday morning, we went to the school-wide Havdalah service in the indoor playroom.

Every Monday, we pick our classroom jobs for the week.



Foster is our meteorologist this week. He is looking outside the playground door in our classroom to tell us what the weather is like today and to predict what the weather will be like for the next day.

We went to Secular Music with Miss Beth. We had a great time singing and dancing. We are learning some Tu B'Shevat songs with Miss Beth.



We also started working on our Dads and Donuts project. I'm not going to show you the pictures of what the children are working on because I want it to be a surprise. **Please mark your calendars for the morning of February 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:15 to 10:15.**

We went to the indoor playroom instead of the playground on Monday because of the rain.



Esther playing basketball.

We planted our cherry tomato seeds in the school garden. We will keep you posted on what grows. The children had a great time. The children have learned about the life cycle of a tree while we have been learning about Tu B' Shevat.



Brooks covering his seeds.



Celeste putting her seeds in the garden.



The Tiger Class at the school garden.

On Tuesday, we made a Big Book that we are going to read on Monday at Dads and Donuts.

On Wednesday, we went to gym with Miss Alisa. We had the best time playing tee ball and running around the bases.



Esther hitting a home run!!! Go Esther!!!

We made it to the playground on Wednesday.



The sand table!!!!



Don't speed or Officer Foster will pull you over.

On Thursday, we made our snack. We made dirt. It is made with chocolate pudding and crushed up Oreo cookies. The children crushed the Oreos with their own hands. It was delicious.



Celeste crushing her Oreos.

We went to Secular Music with Miss Beth.



Dylan playing the castanets.

We planted popcorn seeds in our classroom.



On Friday, we celebrated Shabbat in the Wasley Chapel. Celeste was the Malach. Thanks for the delicious snacks.

**Reminders:**

**Dads-Please mark your calendar for Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:15 am till 10:15 am. Please join us for a special morning.**

**No School-Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>-Presidents' Day/Professional Growth Day**

Don't miss the opportunity to meet Sylvia Rouss on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. She will be here at Temple Torah from 10:00 a.m. to noon. She is the awarding winning author of the Sammy Spider books.

We collect Campbell Soup labels. A list of all the different products that count went home a couple of weeks ago. You can send in labels in your child's communication folder.

**With the cooler weather, you may want to send in an extra pair of long pants to keep in your child's extra clothes in case they have an accident or spill something on a cool day.**

Shabbat Shalom!!!

Morah Pam