



The Koala News (Ha Koala)

Week of February 13th – 17th, 2012

We began our week by having Havdalah early Monday morning to say good bye to last week and hello to our new week. Our day usually begins with circle time where we talk about the days of the week, we work on the sounds of the letters as well as finding out what number comes next and figured out what numbers make up 21, 22, 23, 24, 25. As a continuation we worked on patterns using shapes and colors on the white board as well. We then say the Pledge of Allegiance where all of our friends repeat what we say. We then proceed to identify our names and last names by naming each letter. They put their name on the Ani Po/Lo Po chart. We then have each student choose their jobs for the week and continue on our day. This week the jobs were chosen as follow:

Line leader- Matthew

Weather- Addison

Cups- Samuel

Lunch Box helper – Sammi

Door holders – Eva and Joshie

Flag holder – Alexa

Caboose – Ethan

Calendar - Ryan

Napkin helper - Avi

Lights - Jake

Name helper - Guy

Table cleaner - Max

During this week we had lots of fun activities where we continued to talk about the life cycle of the plant and the kids decided to plant corn kernels in small cups with soil. We left them on our window ledge for them to get some sun. Another activity we enjoyed very much was making edible dirt and mud which we all made with Oreo cookies and chocolate pudding. That was yummy!! We were able to use our fine motor and gross motor skills when crushing the Oreo cookies. We watered our Red Pepper plant every day and made sure that our plant is getting plenty of sunlight and water for it to grow. Another activity we worked on was a guessing game, where Morah Blake would give everyone a clue and a word and the kids needed to think of another word that would rhyme with it. Bet you never knew literacy could be so much fun. We have started discussing the spatial concepts with our friends. This week we used wooden people to practice placing them in front of, behind, next to, under and over. This new concept will be worked on for a few weeks.

This was a special week in our class because three of our friends earned a Mitzvah Star. This is a privilege for those students who make the right choices in doing things in our class without being told. Some of our friends even helped out other friends when they were having a

hard time or even when our friends were sad. Our honored friends this week were Sammi, Samuel and Addison. Parents please encourage good choices at home and let us know of any special event where you may think they deserve a star. Mitzvah stars are given out by Rabbi Eddie during our Friday Shabbat service.

As we say good bye to our week we celebrate Shabbat with our friends and give the honor to our friends Samuel and Max to be our Malachim this week. We continue to work on our social and self-help skills daily as we go over good manners and our classroom rules. We look forward to a great weekend and we will see all our friends back next week. Please remember that there is NO School on Monday!! See you Tuesday.

Reminders:

Each Friday, your child should wear their school shirt and bring tzedekah for Shabbat. We collect empty ink cartridges and old cell phones as we are a part of the Funding Factory. We collect Campbell Labels for points.

Reminders: Friday Feb. 17th is Shabbat with a Twist. Sunday is a Trip to Israel with Sammy Spider. And our Purim Carnival is on Sunday March 4th.

Looking forward to seeing all of you there!!

Have a peaceful Shabbat.

Morah Blake and Morah Vicky