



**Week of February 13<sup>th</sup> – February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
**The Monkeys/Ha' Koofeem**

**I wish I had a little red box  
To put Queen Esther in,  
I would take care out  
And muah, muah, muah  
And put her back again!**

**Math:**

We continue counting boys and girls and adding them up for the total of children. We learned that now there are 11 friends. We now have 6 boys and 5 girls. We did this by using different colored people connectors to separate the boys from the girls.

We continue counting how many centers are in the classroom and how many children are allowed in each center (4 in housekeeping, 4 in library, 3 in blocks, 2 in art and sand table, 4 in manipulative and 4 in writing).

We count to 10 in Hebrew before snack and lunch. **Tuesday/Thursday** kids are learning to count to 5 in Hebrew.

We began playing "match the color" game. Each child has a chance to pick a color card and then goes around the classroom to find an object that matches that color.

**Language/Literacy:**

We finished celebrating Dads and Donuts. We had a great time with our daddies, some mommies and some grandpas on Monday and Tuesday, the donuts were delicious and we were very excited to give them the gift we had made for them. Wednesday we began introducing Purim. We are starting by talking about community helper heroes/heroines, firefighters, police officers, doctors etc.

We read "My Mom is a Firefighter"

We asked the children if they thought moms could be firefighters, they all said "no", some children even said "moms do dishes and clean the house" others said "my mom goes to the gym" and "only boys do that". We have now learned that moms can be firefighters and even police officers like one of friend's mom.

Next week we'll start introducing Esther, our Purim heroine.

Picture/Name association in centers and in cubbies. Children learn to

associate objects with the pictures on shelves, it helps them clean up as they learn that each toy has a place.

Every Friday we read "Dinosaur on Shabbat"

We continue taking attendance and practicing our "Ani Po" (I am here) and "Lo Po" (Not here) response.

We continue discussing classroom and playground rules.

### **Science/cooking:**

Explored weather (we looked outside the door with our binoculars and discussed if it was sunny, rainy, cloudy etc).

### **Gross Motor:**

Music and movement with Morah Beth.

Exercised during gym with Morah Alisa.

Music and movement in the classroom to different songs.

Walked up and down the stairs to go to the library and on the playground to go on the slide.

Rode tricycles and cars in the playground.

Running, jumping, climbing on the rock wall, kicking and throwing balls.

### **Fine Motor:**

We used crayons, color pencils and markers to draw during center time.

We painted at the easel.

Used different manipulative (pegs, people connectors, tower builders).

Coloring, gluing, cutting.

### **Social/Self-Help:**

We continue working on having/giving personal space.

We continue working on using our nice words (please and thank you).

We began working on our sharing skills; we share our toys and play together.

Washed hands after potty, for snack and lunch and after entering the classroom.

We continue doing our helping hands jobs.

Take food out of lunch boxes.

Eat independently with a spoon/fork.

Throw garbage in the trashcan.

Pushed chairs in, after sitting at the table.

Use please and thank you, be kind to our friends.

**Tuesday** and **Thursday** class continues to work on new routines, sitting on carpet for circle time, washing hands and following rules.

**Specials this week were:** Music with Morah Beth and Cantor Zach and gym with Morah Alisa.

**Our Malachim this week were: Jake and Lindsay.**

**Reminders:**

- **We are sending a class big book “Meet the Monkeys” to each house, please share it with your family and remember to send it back to us so that everyone has a chance to enjoy it. Thank you 😊**
- **There is no school on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a professional growth day for the staff.**
- **Even if you did not purchase a ticket for Sammy Spider you can still come this Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and pay at the door.**
- **Purim Carnival will be Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> There will be all kinds of big carnival rides, arts and crafts, booths, vendors and lots of food. You may purchase your arm band in the preschool office.**

Thanks to all the dads, mommies and grandparents that joined us for Dads and Donuts. We had a GREAT time!

**Shabbat Shalom  
Morah Dalia and Morah Diane**