



**The Butterflies/Ha Parpareem  
Week of February 13 – February 17, 2012**

**Dads and donuts was a huge success.  
Thank you to all the Dads that were able to  
spend the morning with us.  
Remember school will be closed  
Monday, February 20, 2012.**

**Math:**

Every day for attendance, we create a mathematical equation counting the number of boys to the number of girls in our class. We continue our most popular math activity, the estimation jar, where the children guess how many items are in the jar and later count to see who had the closest answer. During transition, the children played games on the white board using shapes, letters and numbers. We also counted coins and bills in our Tzedakah box.

**Literacy:**

We read books such as "The Planets," "The Sun," "Minnie and Moo Go to the Moon," "Mercury, The Iron Planet," "Little Honey Bear And The Smiley Moon," "The children recognize words on the schedule and days of the week. They also know upper and lowercase letters in our matching game. The children are also becoming familiar with color words. As part of our schedule, the "Butterfly News" activity was added to our daily discussion. This will let the children practice how to write down the date correctly and properly pronounce the events in our classroom. We continued loving letters. The loving letter of the week was "A." The children were asked to find pictures referring to this letter. Carson is next in line to pick a new letter for next week.

**Science:**

We talked about the sun and what we know about it:

Jacob said, "The sun is made out of gas."

Ariana said, "The sun is a big star."

Liza said, "You can't walk, it is too hot."

Carson said, "It can burn you."

The best thing we learned about Mercury is:

Alexis said, "You can't breathe."

Michael said, "There is no air."

Brandon said, "It's dusty."

Noah said, "Rocks falling from space."

Jacob said, "Rocks fell on Mercury."

Liza said, "There is no water."

Ethan said, "No animals or people can live there."

Ariana said, "There are no houses there."

#### **Gross Motor:**

We danced around and played with instruments with Morah Beth. We also had gym with Morah Alisa where we got to play t-ball and practice our yoga techniques. On the playground, the children are riding tricycles, running, jumping, playing with balls, climbing the rock wall and utilizing the sand box.

#### **Fine Motor:**

We are in the process of making a book about planets. We had to cut and trace different elements of the earth. Everyone got to write what they learned from our group discussion about the sun and Mercury.

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

Upon entering the classroom, the children sign their names. They are learning to also write Mom and Dad on the green forms. The children unpack their backpacks. They are learning to treat their friends with respect, the same way they would want to be treated. The children are learning not to interrupt the person who is speaking. They are also taking turns and listening to their classmates and teachers. The children pour their own drinks, pass out cups and napkins.

### **Judaic:**

The children are learning the names of the colors in Hebrew. On Monday we had Havdalah to end the week and start a new one. We sing Hatikvah every morning and recite the blessing before and after every meal.

Please remember that there is no school on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. The entire staff will be in a day long study session up at the Commission for Jewish Education.

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**Shabbat Shalom**

**Morah Esta / Morah Myra**