



The Elephants / Ha Peleem

Week of February 13th – February 17th, 2012

Thank you to all the Dads and Grandpas for coming to enjoy our Dads and Donuts day! It was so wonderful to see you all interacting with your children and having a blast with them on your special day. Hope you all enjoyed the experience as much as I did!

This week we read the bible story of Joseph and The Coat of Many Colors. Next Friday, the teachers of the 3 yr old team are doing a bible story play for the entire school and The Elephants helped create the props for the play. They worked hard on painting the coat of many colors and the pit that the jealous brothers threw Joseph in. We learned from the story that family is very important and that you should not be jealous of what others have!

Literacy

- Read books on Joseph and The Coat of Many Colors
- Reviewed how trees and plants grow- as we watched our pop corn plants sprout and watched and watered our pepper plants in the school garden
- Found names during morning circle(some our children can already recognize their letters in their name and we moved on to last names)
- Identified the letters and sounds of the letters in our names during circle
- Recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang Hatikvah during circle
- Found letters around the room talked about the sounds they make and words that start with that sound- during transitions

Math

- Counted to the date during calendar
- Recognized numbers during calendar
- Counted to 10 in Hebrew and English before snack and lunch
- Identified shapes during transitions
- Played musical chairs- we counted out 7 chairs and then they had to take away a chair each time the music stopped
- Talked about vertical lines and horizontal lines when painting the coat of many colors

Science

- Watched our pop corn seeds grow- there are now sprouts in most of their cups
- Planted a pepper plant and seeds in the school garden- used different utensils to plant, gardening gloves, watering can
- We discussed the weather each day
- After reading Joseph and The Coat of Many Colors, we talked about what a pit is, what colors they thought a pit would be, and then painted a box to be our pit in the play
- Showed the children on the globe where Egypt was in reference to where we live and we talked about having to cross the ocean to get there

Gross Motor

- Danced the Animal Action, Freeze Dance, and other body movement songs
- Explored the play ground – bikes, houses, slides, trucks, rock climbing wall, playing chase, air boat, ball(catching and throwing)
- We had music with Cantor Zach and danced and sang with him to Purim and Shabbat songs
- Played musical chairs
- We stretched, did yoga, and practiced more skills on the sport of T-ball in Gym with Miss Alisa

Fine Motor

- Explored with a variety of materials in the art center- stencils, scissors, glue, markers, crayons, dot paint, roller paint, and other art supplies

- Painted at the easel
- Painted vertical stripes on our Coat of Many Colors
- Painted the pit black, white, and brown using a big card board box
- Practiced writing their name on their work
- Created tall towers and bridges with blocks
- Feed the Bunny game- taking tweezers and picking up carrots to feed the bunny
- Played with puzzles
- Played with Legos and other manipulatives

Social/Self Help

- We discussed how important family is after reading the bible story The Coat of Many Colors
- We talked about not being jealous of others, and to be kind to people
- Continued to work on unpacking backpacks, sorting snacks, throwing out trash, packing up and proper hand washing skills.
- Cleaned up after centers
- Practiced using our words with our friends- at home if they are whining ask them to use their words so that you can understand their needs, role model proper words for them to use when in a conflict with their siblings or friends

*******Thank you to those of you that sent in wipes this week! If the rest of you could bring in (2) packages of baby wipes, we will be good to go through the end of the year. Thank you!!!!**

Shabbat Shalom,

Morah Sheri

Please remember to bring Tzedakah each Friday. Some of the children have already lost their envelopes that were made in the beginning of the year or I keep forgetting to place them in your child's back pack, either way you can place the coins in a zip lock bag with their name on it! Thanks!!!!

We participate in a program that collects ink cartridges and old cell phones. When we send them in we accumulate points, these points allow the school to purchase new materials. Please keep that in mind when upgrading your phones or changing the ink! Thanks!!!!

