



The Penguins/Ha Pegveneem

Week of February 13 – February 17, 2012

This week was a very full week of fun and learning. Our week began with Dads and Donuts we had a great time with our penguin dads. We would like to say thank you to all the dads who shared their Monday morning with us. We always begin our day with Boker Tov Circle where we count our friends, say the Pledge and sing Hatikvah review our calendar and talk about our day ahead. This week we are learning all about our solar system. The children are all super excited to learn about outer space. We would also like to thank Brandon Bove and family for their generous donation of 2 water frogs. We also have very sad news; in that our last 3 fish are no longer with us. If anyone would like to donate fish it would be wonderful. On Monday we choose the new jobs for the week. The children love to see what their new job will be. The jobs this week are as follows.

Noah- Calendar helper	Sadie- Cup Helper	Sara- Meteorologist
Bailee- Door holder	Sarah- Flag holder	Brandon- Door holder
Dylan- Line Leader	Emma- Blessing Leader	Etai- Chair helper
Joey- Name Collector	Kaci- Fish feeder	Matty- Napkin Helper
Maya- Schedule Helper		

Math-

The penguins continue counting how many friends are in our class. We count the number of boys; girls and then we add those two numbers to see how many children are total that day. Every day we count the calendar and the days in English and in Hebrew. We are continuing our fruit and vegetable challenge. Through this project, we

are able to do lots of adding daily, weekly and monthly. We are learning how to total as well. We do many number games during our transition games. We are also learning to place shapes above, below and to the side of other shapes as well as patterning. Ex: Can you place a line above the third circle? We also did our estimation jar with glow sticks and straws. Thank you so much Sadie and Sara for bringing in these items.

Literacy

We read many books this week, including, "Outer Space The Solar System", "Starting Book of Outer Space", "The Sun", "Mercury" and "Earth.", "Stargazers", "Going on a Lion Hunt" We continued with our loving letters and Noah picked the letter N. If you have not done so already please send in two pictures that start with the letter N. The children have also been hard at work on Their Solar System books and the children are so excited to share what they have learned. Did you know that Mercury has no atmosphere?

Fine Motor-

We have been doing a lot of writing in the Solar System book. We have also been painting on the easel and did special straw art with our straws. We did a literacy chart on what we know about space before we started our books. Here is what the children said:

Sarah- "Space is big."

Kaci- "The moon is in space."

Bailee- "We live on one of the planets."

Joey- "Earth can turn slowly."

Sadie- "There are soldiers up there."

Dylan- "I know what planets look like."

Maya- "The Sun is in outer space."

Etai- "They travel on the Moon."

Brandon- "Aliens are in it"

Emma- "The stars are bright"

Matty- "Astronauts can fly."

Noah- "Mars is there."

Gross Motor-

We used our outdoor playground equipment to slide, use steps, climb and run. We also danced with Morah Beth.

Science

We are learning about outer space and we are learning all about our solar system. We also checked in on our sunflowers and noticed that they have grown a lot since last week.

Judaic-

We had Shabbat this week, and we started singing Purim songs with Cantor Zach. Every day we have been practicing our Hebrew colors and body parts, we often use this as a transition game.

Reminders:

Don't forget to send in your old cell phones and ink cartridges for the funding factory.

Also check your pantry for Campbell's soup labels.

DON'T FORGET THIS SUNDAY AT 10:00 IS SAMMY SPIDER. SYLVIA ROUSS THE AUTHOR OF THE SAMMY SPIDER BOOKS WILL BE HERE AT TEMPLE TORAH. YOU CAN PAY AT THE DOOR!

Purim carnival is March 4, 2012 please see the front office for wrist bands your child can have unlimited rides.

February 20TH is Presidents Day and we have no school.

Thanks for letting us share in your child's life we love having them in our class they make our days at school wonderful! We truly love each and every one of them.

Shabbat Shalom

Morah Sharona and Morah Rachel.