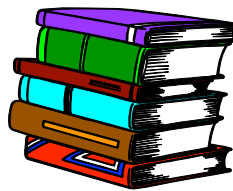




The Koala News (Ha Koala)
Week of September 6 - September 9, 2011



Literacy

This week we read two interesting books about the Koala, our class animal – “Animals in Danger” by Rod Theodorou, and “Baby Koala” by Aubrey Lang.

We are still in the process of voting on a name for our cute stuffed Koala. We will let you know the result when we complete the voting.

We are continuing to learn about Creation, and are singing our songs and discussing the various things that were created naturally (for example, the ocean and sky....not gummy bears and crayons).

We are also enjoying our quiet reading time. The children love sharing their books with friends, and they look forward to this special time.

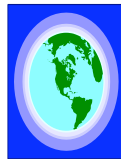
The children are becoming quite familiar with their name cards. Many can recognize not only their own name, but the names of their friends by sounding out the first letters of each respective name.

This week we began singing with Cantor Zach. We sang some familiar tunes and learned some new ones in relation to the upcoming Jewish New Year season. Since song and prayer are such an integral part of Jewish life, we plan to be singing a lot!



Math

We played the number matching game using our “creation” cards. We count our friends in circle time each day, counting our friends who are here (Po) as well as our friends who are not here (Lo Po). We also count the numbers of boys and girls separately.



Science

We talked about our class animal, the Koala Bear. We learned that the Koala Bear is not really related to the bear family, but instead is related more closely to the Kangaroo. The Koala Bear is native to Australia. Both the Koala and Kangaroo babies are called “joeys”. We also learned that koalas are “nocturnal”, and learned of several other animals that are “nocturnal”. We also learned that Koala Bears are “herbivores”. Ask your children what these words mean! Some of the children may remember what type of plant Koalas like to eat (it is a long, grown-up word!).



Fine Motor

This week we made our class Tzedakah container. We each had a chance to contribute our own creativity towards our beautiful container, using stickers and bingo markers. Please help your children put something in their new Tzedakah envelopes. On Fridays we will be collecting the money and putting it in our new container.



Gross Motor

We had a lot of fun moving our bodies this week.

We “shook our sillies out”, danced with Morah Blake and Morah Sheila, and had a wonderful time marching and dancing in Morah Beth’s music class on Wednesday with musical instruments.

We enjoyed our outdoor playground all week. The rain stayed away and did not interfere with our fun.



Social /Self-Help

We are encouraging our Koala class to always remember that we are like a family. In keeping with that idea, we are trying to always be mindful of how we treat one another. Respect and kindness are very important words in our class. We are continuing to practice saying “please” and “thank you”, sharing, and working together as a team. The children are also learning to become independent. We are practicing performing self-help tasks such as using the bathroom, washing hands, unpacking our backpacks in the morning, opening our own snacks and lunches, and cleaning up.

.....

Reminder

Please pack a sufficient amount of food for your child for lunch and snack(s). We are discussing healthy food in class, and how our bodies feel best when we eat a snack or a meal consisting of a variety of healthy food.

.....

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us via email. Our addresses are as follows:

Morah Sheila – DreamerSKS@aol.com

Morah Blake - pizzstar17@hotmail.com

Shabbat Shalom from room 101