



The Elephants / Ha Peleem

Week of September 6 – September 9, 2011

The Elephants spent the week learning about creation and how hard G-d worked to make our world so wonderful. We learned that he was very tired when he was finished so on the last day he rested. This is why we celebrate Shabbat.

Literacy

- Read books about Creation, land animals, sea animals and Shabbat
- Discussed the 7 days of creation using props focusing on Days 4,5,6 and 7
- Sang a song about Creation
- Discussed different animal habitats
- Talked about why G-d created people and land animals last
- Discussed Shabbat and Tzedakah
- Talked about what we did over the holiday weekend
- Reinforced Hebrew words: ani po (I'm here), lo po (not here), boker tov (good morning), chavareem (friends), yeled (boy), yelda (girl)
- Learned the Hebrew word menuha, rest
- Found names during morning circle

Math

- Counted how many boys+girls= total children in the class and wrote the equation on the board
- Counted to the date during calendar
- Counted how many days it took G-d to create the world

- Identified shapes and colors during calendar
- Recognized numbers during calendar
- Counted to 10 in Hebrew and English before snack
- Played a felt board game with the day of creation and it's corresponding number
- Counted unifix cubes to match a creation picture with number of the day it was created
- Sorted animals according to their habitat, land and sea

Science

- Looked outside and determined the weather each day
- Watered and observed our daisies. On day 6 we started to see some growth. The children were so excited!
- Learned about the phases of the moon

Gross Motor

- Climbed the slides and rock wall on the playground
- Rode bikes on the bike path
- Ran around with our friends on the playground
- Danced to music in the classroom.
- Learned the alligator yoga move during gym class
- Played pillow polo during gym
- Stretched our bodies
- Danced and sang during Judaic music with Cantor

Fine Motor

- Played with puzzles
- Manipulated the mouse on the computer
- Played with Legos and other manipulatives
- Sponge painted and painted day 4 of creation
- Colored and glued day 5 of creation
- Drew self-portrait for day 6 of creation

Social/Self Help

- 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

Thank you Madison for a yummy Shabbat snack!

Have a great weekend!

Shabbat Shalom,

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