



**Week of October 3rd – October 6th, 2011
The Monkeys/Ha' Koofeem**

To the Sukkah
I will bring fruits and veggies on a string
Tie them up, hang them high
Through the roof you'll see the sky.

Math:

We continue counting boys and girls and adding them up for the total of children. We did this by using different colored people connectors to separate the boys from the girls.

We counted how many walls we need to make a Sukkah (3).

We continue counting how many centers are in the classroom and how many children are allowed in each center (4 in housekeeping, 4 in library, 3 in blocks, 2 in art and sand table, 4 in manipulative and 4 in writing).

We practiced the days of the week and counting using "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" flannel board.

We practiced our colors using "Brown Bear" book and flannel board.

We practiced our colors with "Little Mouse, Little Mouse Where are you Hiding?"

Lanugage/Literacy:

We began the week by finishing up Yom Kippur and talked about throwing our poor choices away. We asked the children "What poor choices do you want to fix?" We then began talking about Sukkot, the holiday of the harvest and discussed our favorite fruits.

We also discussed the symbols of Sukkot (Sukkah, lulav and etrog).

We read "Sukkah Time" and "Tamar's Sukkah"

Picture/Name association in centers and in cubbies. Children learn to associate objects with the pictures on shelves, it helps them clean up as they learn that each toy has a place.

We read and sang "Down by the bay"

We continue taking attendance and practicing our "Ani Po" (I am here) and "Lo Po" (Not here) response.

We continue discussing classroom and playground rules.

Science/cooking:

Explored weather (we looked outside the door with our binoculars and discussed if it was sunny, rainy, cloudy etc)
We talked about what we see in the sky when sitting under the Sukkah.
We discussed our favorite fruits and where they grow.
Talked about the symbols of Sukkot, lulav and etrog and discussed how the etrog is very similar to a lemon.

Gross Motor:

Music and movement with Morah Beth and Cantor Zach.
Exercised with Morah Alissa.
Shook the lulav all around.
Music and movement to "I like me", "Bear Hunt" and "We are the Dinosaurs"
Danced with scarves and bean bags.
Played and danced with the parachute.
Walked up and down the stairs to go to the library and on the playground to go on the slide.
Rode tricycles and cars in the playground.
Running, jumping, climbing on the rock wall, kicking and throwing balls.

Fine Motor:

We used crayons, color pencils and markers to draw during center time.
We painted at the easel.
Used different manipulative (pegs, people connectors, tower builders).
Coloring, gluing, cutting.

Social/Self-Help:

We continue working on having/giving personal space.
We continue working on using our nice words (please and thank you).
We began working on our sharing skills; we share our toys and play together.
Washed hands after potty, for snack and lunch and after entering the classroom.
We began our helping hands jobs.
Take food out of lunch boxes.
Eat independently with a spoon/fork.
Throw garbage in the trash can.
Pushed chairs in, after sitting at the table.
Use please and thank you, be kind to our friends.

Specials this week were: Music with Morah Beth and Cantor Zach and gym with Morah Alissa.

**Shabbat Shalom
Morah Dalia and Morah Diane**