



The Elephants / Ha Peleem

Week of October 3rd – October 6th, 2011

This week the Elephants discussed Yom Kippur. We pretended to walk down to the ocean and throw away (Tashlich) our poor choices and say sorry (slikah) to God, and promise to try to make this a better year than last.

Literacy

- Read books about Yom Kippur, and Tashlich
- Discussed the significance of Yom Kippur
- Revisited the Shofar and how many times it is blown between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur
- Discussed how we celebrated Rosh Hashanah
- Created a class big book titled, God, I am sorry for...
- Reinforced Hebrew words: ani po (I'm here), lo po (not here), boker tov (good morning), chavareem (friends), yeled (boy), yelda (girl)
- Reinforced Hebrew words, adom (red), t'sahov (yellow) and yarok (green)
- Introduced new Hebrew words, tashlich (to throw away) and slikah (sorry)
- Found names during morning circle
- Identified the letters in our names during circle
- Found letters around the room during transitions

Math

- Played number bingo- children had to recognize the number on their card
- Counted to the date during calendar
- Identified shapes and colors during calendar

- Recognized numbers during calendar
- Counted to 10 in Hebrew and English before snack

Science

- Looked outside and determined the weather each day
- Watered and observed our daisies.
- Talked about the differences between an ocean and a river when discussing Tashlich
- We talked about the color of an ocean and most bodies of water

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.
- Stretched our bodies
- Danced and sang during music with Miss Beth
- Practiced throwing a ball, kicking the ball in the indoor playroom

Fine Motor

- Painted the ocean, stamped fish in it and glued my pretend bread into the ocean to throw away my poor choice
- Did crayon rubbings to create my shofar
- Played with puzzles
- Manipulated the mouse on the computer
- Played with Legos and other manipulatives

Social/Self Help

- Got acquainted with Morah Sheri
- 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
- Baked a cake with our friends in the Ladybug class

On a personal note, I have truly enjoyed getting to know your children along side of Morah Staci this week. I am very excited to get to know all of you as well. I know that this is going to be a great year!

Have a great weekend!

Shabbat Shalom,

Morah Sheri and Morah Staci