



### **The Butterflies/Ha Parpareem Week of October 10-12, 2011**

#### **Math:**

Every day we create a mathematical equation counting the number of boys to the number of girls in our class. The children have been counting in Hebrew. As always, we count our estimation jar, where the children guess how many items are in the jar and later counted to see who had the closest answer. During transition, children played games like patterns and solving simple addition problems and they also play games on the white board using positional words. In addition to all of that, we are still keeping up with our 100 days of school chart.

#### **Literacy:**

We read books such as: "Jonah and the Big Fish," "Sammy Spider's First Sukkot," and "The Very Greedy Bee." The children recognize words on the schedule and days of the week. They also know upper and lowercase letters in our matching game. The children are working on sounding out letters that go into a word.

#### **Science:**

Jacob was our meteorologist for the week. He had the opportunity to go our "window" and move the arrow to show what kind of weather we decided upon. We made an edible holiday treat; ask your child what it was!

#### **Gross Motor:**

The children rode bicycles on the playground. They also climb the rock wall, kick the soccer ball around and walk up and down the steps to use the slide. In the classroom, they played Simon says and freeze dance.

**Fine Motor:**

The children are getting more skillful in maintaining an effective and proper pencil grip. Every day they write down their names on their sign in sheets. The children are still working on our Torah Project; we just finished Day 3 where they got to make beautiful trees and decorated them with flowers. These exercises promote the most functional use of a child's hands.

**Social/Self Help:**

Upon entering the classroom, the children sign their names, and unpack their backpacks. The children are learning to let one person answer or speak at a time. The children are learning not to interrupt the person who is speaking. They are also taking turns and listening to their classmates and teachers. They are getting adjusted to the routine and schedule very well.

**Judaic:**

The children are learning the names of the colors in Hebrew. We say the blessing before snack and lunch. We also say the blessing for after lunch. We sing Hatikvah every day.

**Reminders:**

School will be closed Thursday, October 13th and Friday October 14th.

If you have any stuffed animals that you would like to donate or a small rug, The Butterflies would greatly appreciate it.

**Morah Esta**

**Morah Myra**