



## **The Penguins/Ha Pegveneem**

**Week of October 10 – October 12, 2011**

We had a terrific week of school in the Penguin class. On Monday we learned about Columbus Day and how Christopher Columbus discovered America sailing the blue seas with his three boats the Pinta, The Nina and The Santa Maria. On Tuesday and Wednesday we learned of the Jewish holiday Sukkot. We also said spend some more time with Sammy the Spider on Monday and on Tuesday we brought him to the three's so that they could get to know Sammy.

### **Math-**

The penguins count how many friends are in our class, boys, girls and how many altogether on a daily basis. Every day we count the calendar and the days in English and in Hebrew. We learned a lot about the number eight as Sammy the Spider has eight legs. We also learned about the concept of half as we drew a line down half a piece of paper to make our day one of our Torah project.

### **Literacy-**

We read many books this week including A Picture Book of Christopher Columbus, Bubbee Isabella and the Sukkot Cake, Night Lights a Sukkot Story and Peter's Chair.

The children sign in everyday which allows them to practice their handwriting.

During calendar time we ask the children daily what day of the week, month and what the day before and after are. We also read the schedule every day.

### **Science-**

We did weather predictions again (the children love this) and we discussed what items you need for different weather. We did a science experiment using grapes we learned

that it takes 23 days for a closed Grape too become a raisin. And it took 7 days for an open grape to become a raisin

### **Fine Motor-**

The children all sign in daily on their green sheets and write their names on our literacy charts. This week we also did a lot of painting, coloring with dot art markers and writing for our Torah Project. We also made edible spiders from Oreo cookie's and Twizzler vines that the children broke up in to 8 pieces using their pincher grasps.

### **Gross Motor-**

We have Playground time which includes running, jumping, climbing and bikes. . This week we also had gym they all love gym class.

### **Judaic-**

This week we learned about the Jewish holiday Sukkot and we got to spend time in our Sukkah. We even got to eat edible sukkahs in out sukkah. We do lots of Hebrew in our room. We are learning colors, numbers, and everyday words in Hebrew.

We also sang the song Itsy Bitsy Akavish.

### **Reminders:**

If you run out of paper towels please save your tubes we will be using them for our Torah Project.

We are collecting Campbell's labels please check your pantry's.

We are also collecting used ink cartridges and old cell phones.

We are also collecting new pajamas for PJ Harvey Library. These pajamas will be given to children who are less fortunate. What a great way to do a mitzvah.

Thanks for letting us share in your child's life we love having them in our class they make our days at school wonderful!

Shabbat Shalom

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