



The Dogs / Ha Klaveem  
Week of October 17-19, 2011

**Math-**

Every day we had a calendar count, and for attendance we wrote down a math sentence showing how many boys and girls were in the class. Every child has the chance to guesstimate how many items are in the estimation jar. The numbers go all the way up to 100; the child that gets the closest guess is the “estimation champion of the day”. During transition children played games on the white board, they used shapes and numbers.

**Literacy:**

We read “Sammy Spider’s First Simchat Torah”, “If You Give a Mouse a Cookie” and “Trouble Gum”. During circle time we discussed the seven days of G\*d’s Creation. Also, we shared the story about the creation of man and woman, Adam and Eve.

**Science:**

Children at this age are curious about the different kinds of weather such as rain, thunderstorms, hurricanes and other conditions that are present during the different seasons. We are observing the weather and changes in temperature every day. Some children mentioned that they have watched the Weather Channel and heard that scattered showers and thunderstorms were expected this week.

\*As part of our Simchat Torah celebration we made edible Torahs with tortillas, licorice, and peanut butter/fluff...Yummy!!!

**Gross Motor-**

This week we enjoyed our indoor playroom. We also danced with Ms. Beth and Cantor Zack. The children fully and freely explored their motor skills like running, leaping, skipping, and clapping.

**Fine Motor:**

Every time children play in centers with manipulatives (small toys), and art supplies they are reinforcing their fine motor skills. In addition they are using writing tools correctly and demonstrating hand/eye coordination.

This week we worked on the final part of the Torah Project and we designed flags for our Simchat Torah parade.

**Social/Self Help:**

This week as a gesture of appreciation, the children created greeting cards for soldiers. These cards will be mailed to them with some others basic supplies they need when they are away.

Every time we have a group activity we are practicing following the classroom rules and participating attentively in activities.

We had a Tornado Drill where we showed the children how to calmly and safely move to a designated area in case of a tornado or weather emergency.

**Judaic:**

On Monday we have Havdalah to end the week and start a new one in peace. This week Cantor Zack taught us songs in Hebrew for the Simchat Torah holiday!

We sang Hatikvah every morning at Shalom Time and recited the blessings before and after every meal.

**Reminders:**

- Please send your child in with a kosher labeled snack every day.
- Do not forget to recycle all your empty ink cartridges and old cell phones. We are collecting them for our Funding Factory fundraiser.
- Please turn in your Scholastic Order Form for the month of October.
- This Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup>, Simchat Torah Hakafot at 6:30 p.m.
- Next Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup> "What comes after Pre-K" at 7:00 p.m.

Shabbat Shalom!  
Ms. Debbie & Ms. Carolina