



**The Koala News (Ha Koala)**  
**Week of October 17 – October 19, 2011**

**Literacy**

- We discussed the of Holiday Simchat Torah
- We read books on Simchat Torah
- We sang I Like Potatoes and Danced with the Torah
- We sang a song with the letter sounds of the first letter in our names.
- We continue to identify the letters on our calendar and the sounds the letters make for each day of the week
- We discussed that a pattern is something that goes over and over again
- We learned a new word this week (Enormous)
- Jake was our calendar helper this week, when asked what yesterday was he told us it was Monday and it starts with the letter M

**Math**

- We talked about patterns and how to make a pattern with different colors
- We learned that we have 13 friends in our class and if 3 friends were to go we would have 10

-We count the days of the week and talk about the numbers on our calendar, Matthew told us that the number 17 has a one and a seven

-We count to 10 in Hebrew before the blessings

### **Science**

- We have started a chart in our classroom. We will be observing the weather each day and marking it down on our chart. At the end of the month we will compare and graph the weather

-We predicted the weather for the day

-During circle time while doing the weather the teacher asked, where do you think the sun went? Guy responded its hiding behind the clouds

### **Gross Motor**

-We danced with the Torah

-We danced in our classroom to Shake our silly's out

-We danced in our pretend Rock Band. We played air guitar, air drums, and the air trumpet

-We played I am a circus clown, the children get to jump inside the pretend circus "on the rug" and do something super silly

### **Fine Motor**

-We made our very own Torahs; we glued on tissue paper and confetti to make the Torah page and then painted the scroll

-We made flags to celebrate with on Simchat Torah we cut, glued, stamped and painted to decorate our flags

-We did various puzzles on the rug together after lunch time

-We played with our sukkah that we made for Sukkot

## **Social/Self-Help**

- We went over the class rules
- We packed up our own lunch boxes and put them in our back packs at the end of each day
- We take turns in our classroom
- We discuss the value of being respectful and kind to our friends.
- We are working on our manners at saying please, thank you, and excuse me
- We recite Shabbat prayers
- We recite snack and lunch prayers

Have a peaceful Shabbat.

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