



### **The Butterflies/Ha Parpareem Week of October 17-19, 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. 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: "Sammy Spider's First Simchat Torah," and "This Is The Place For Me." 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:**

Luke 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 Torah made out of tortilla, pretzel rods, peanut butter and licorice. It was a lot of fun!

#### **Gross Motor:**

Due to the rainy weather this week, the children used the indoor playroom where they got to run, jump and kick balls.

#### **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 5! Lastly, they got to make their very own flag for Simchat Torah! 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:**

We had music with Cantor Zack. They 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 had Havdalah Monday morning. We sing Hatikvah every day.

**Reminders:**

School will be closed Thursday, October 20th and Friday October 21st.

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**