

Toras Emes E.C.E.

Parashas Beshalach

January 14, 2011

5:32 P.M.

REGISTRATION 2011-12

In anticipation for registration for the next school year, which will open shortly after the winter vacation, and in view of the fact that many classes remain at capacity enrollment, it is important to bear in mind the school policy that has been in place for several years:

Registration cannot be completed until all fees are paid and the give or get requirement for 2010-11 is fulfilled. Space in the class can be assured only to those families who complete registration and are current with all tuition and fees for this current school year.

CALENDAR NOTES

January 17– Torahnastics. Pre-K classes.

CONFERENCE NIGHT

JANUARY 18

NI, PRE-KI, PRE-KIII & KII

Please call the school office to schedule an appointment to meet with your child's teacher.

WELCOME TO:

Nechemie Taillard who has joined the Nursery I class.

FAMILY FUN DAY

We are hoping to enjoy, once again, our annual Family Fun Day– a day filled with fun, food and festivities for the whole family! In order for it to take place, as scheduled on February 6, we need parents to volunteer their time and talents to help coordinate this event. If you are able to help us out, in any capacity, please call Rabbi Baumann or Mrs. Esta Rosenberg at 305-651-0115.

MAZEL TOV:

Mr. Andy and Judy Markell on the birth of a granddaughter to their children Lindsay and Ira Shanes.

Mr. Mike and Ettie Schloss on the birth of a grandson to their children Rabbi Yehoshua and Cheli Schloss.

FAVORITE AUTHOR WEEK:

We have started a two week unit showcasing the literary styles of several authors of children's books.

We look forward to the arrival of Little Red Riding Hood, Pocahontas and many other exciting characters on Tuesday when parents will be dressing up in costume to read stories to the children.

Each class will be involved in a cooking and baking activity based on their class authors. The Nursery I children prepared muffins based on the story If You Give A Moose A Muffin by Laura Numeroff. The Nursery II class prepared tuna fish sandwiches after listening to the story Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister. Both afternoon Nursery classes prepared ice cream cones after listening to the story How Do I Love You by P.K. Hallinan. The Pre-K children will be preparing corn based on the story Frederick by Leo Lionni and the kindergartens will prepare pancakes after listening to the story Pancakes, Pancakes by Eric Carle.



NURSERY I & II MOROT ETTIE & TAMI

How delighted we were to walk into our classrooms and see our lima bean plants starting to grow. **The children are very excited that Tu B'Shevat is almost here!** They have been working diligently on their many projects and cannot wait to take them home **lichvod hachag.** The songs "How To Plant A Tree" and "Little Rain, Little Sun" were taught to the children. Several stories about plants and trees such as The Plant Sitter by Gene Zion and The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein were read to the children. They also listened to a story about the Shivat Haminim entitled Dates As Sweet As Honey by Tali Krivolet as well as a story about the importance of trees entitled The Secret Of The Leaves by Esther von Handel.

We learned the phrases:

עץ בחוץ
פרחים בבית
פרחים בחוץ
פרחים על השלחן

Our Read Aloud Program was lots of fun. Laura Numeroff was the class author in Nursery I. We listened to several stories written by Laura Numeroff. Our favorite was If You Give A Moose A Muffin. The children baked muffins just like the moose in the book did. Marcus Pfister, author of the Rainbow Fish series was the class author in Nursery II. We listened to stories about fish and prepared tunafish sandwiches.

For Parashas Beshalach, we learned all about the many "nissim" connected with Yetzias Mitzrayim and Krias Yam Suf. We also talked about Shabbat Shira and made a bird feeder. We pretended that we were birds and played the game "Tzipor, Tzipor Through My Chalon."



NURSERY I & II- MOROT NECHAMA & SUSAN

The Favorite Author program was the focus of our week's activities. **The concept of rhyming words was reviewed this week in conjunction with this program.** We made a rhyming chart and learned several new rhyming phrases such as "Mr. Belly likes bread and jelly," "Mr. Clutter likes peanut butter" and "Mr. Meat likes bread and meat."

Our class author was P.K. Hallinan. We listened to several stories by this author such as We're Very Good Friends My Grandmother And I and How Do I Love You. In the latter story, the two friends prepare ice cream cones. Our children also created their own ice cream cones which they enjoyed eating.

We learned a new friendship rhyming song "Wiggle Your Fingers."

Wiggle your fingers (2x)
(wiggle fingers)
Shake your fingers so
(shake fingers)
Stretch your fingers so
(stretch fingers)
Stretch them out
(stretch out your hands)
Touch your friend
(touch your friend)
And he'll be glad I know
(clap hands)



PRE-KI, II & III- MOROT ETTIE & HEIDI

The letters נ and ן were introduced this week. We learned many words that begin with the letter nun as well as words which end with the nun sofis such as:

נטילת ידים, נייר, נס, נשיקה, נעלים, נחש, יין, לשון

We talked about the mitzvah of נטילת ידים and learned the proper way to do it when we wake up in the morning and before we say המוציא.

In honor of Tu B'Shevat, we talked about the importance of trees and plants and how we need to take good care of them. We listened to the stories A Tree Full Of Mitzvos by Dina Rosenfeld, A Tree Is Nice by Janice Udry and I Am A Tree by Jose Sanchez. We learned about the Shivat Haminim, and looked at beautiful photographs depicting these fruits/species. We also discussed how Tu B'Shevat is celebrated in Eretz Yisroel.

Parashas B'Shalach was very exciting for the children. They were amazed to hear about the many nissim that took place during Kriyas Yam Suf. We learned how Hashem provided for Bnei Yisroel with the "Ananei Hakavod" and the "mun" as they traveled through the midbar.

For Shabbos Shira, the children had a lot of fun making an edible bird feeder.

Our new Hebrew phrases this week were:

קר בחוץ
חם בחוץ

Shabbat Shalom!



PRE-KI, II & III- MOROT BERNEY & JUDY

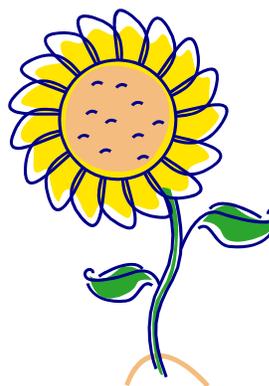
The Pre-K children were very enthusiastic about our Favorite Author unit featuring the works of Leo Lionni. Many of Leo Lionni's books have a nature theme. We used them as a reference source for discussions with the children about nature, plants and insects.

The letter "li" always comes along with a favorite word in Pre-K- INSECT! The children created their own insects at the art table.

We continued our unit on famous artists. This week, the children studied the paintings of Vincent Van Gogh. Van Gogh's painting of the sunflower captivated the children's imagination. They looked at pictures of sunflowers from the book From Seed To Sunflower by Dr. Gerald Legg and then attempted to create their own sunflower paintings. To help the children understand what it means to pose for a painting, we played the freeze game. The children learned that it takes a lot of concentration to stay still for so long.

This week, as we soared ahead in our pre-reading program, the children used building blocks to recognize how sentences are made up of a group of words. They were excited to participate in a group activity using the blocks to represent words in sentences.

Thank you to the parents who came to their children's conferences this week. It was a pleasure meeting with you.



KINDERGARTEN I & II- MOROT BAYLA & RENA

This week, the yeladim in Kindergarten discussed **the importance of saying “Amen”**. They learned that they must always try to say our brachos out loud so that people **have the chance to say “Amen.”** We listened to a beautiful book of stories called Let’s Say Amen by Tamar Ansh. As a culminating activity for our brachos unit, we had an amazing brachos snack party. We enjoyed eating food items from each bracha. The children divided up into five groups corresponding to the different brachos that they have learned. Each group made the appropriate brachos **for the food out loud and everyone else said “Amen”**. We also made beautiful “Borei Nefashos” signs for our kitchens.

Mrs. Funny Face came to visit once again and introduced us to the Tzairah (long A) sound. We worked in our aleph-bais books and played many games to reinforce the ottiyos that we have learned thus far.

For Parashas Beshalach, we felt that we were actually leaving Mitzrayim with dough on our backs. We learned many beautiful midrashim of how Hashem took care of Am Yisroel as they crossed the Yam Suf and how **Hashem provided the “mun” for them in the midbar**. We also learned that we use the lechem mishneh at our Shabbos table because of the double portions of the mun **that were left for B’nei Yisroel on Fridays in the midbar**.

This Shabbos is Shabbos Shira. We enjoyed making bird feeders as we discussed the importance of Hakaras Hatov.

In Project Derech, we learned that it is a mitzvah to ask permission before leaving the presence of a parent.



KINDERGARTEN I & II- MOROT BERNEY & MIRIAM

What an extraordinary, enjoyable week our Kindergartners had– one filled with so many exciting activities! **“Ee” was our letter of the week**. We continued working with word families such as led, Ted, fed, sled; **sell, tell, fell and get, set and let**. Other **“Ee” activities** included exercising, making envelopes and eating eggs. We listened to the stories Elephant Baby by Ann McGovern and Babar The Elephant by Jean De Brunhoff. We learned many exciting facts about elephants, the largest land animals.

In honor of the letter **“Ee,”** we played a game called **“scrambled eggs”**. We read sentences on the board that were scrambled. We had to unscramble them. The first word was underlined. For example: cat the fat is (The cat is fat.)

This week was Favorite Author week. We chose Eric Carle as our author/illustrator. We read one of his books every day and talked about his unique style. We learned that Eric Carle likes to teach his readers about nature, and that he uses vibrant colors which he makes from collages.

In math, we are continuing our work on equations.





Zissel Leah Goldsmith

Kindergarten I

I think it

is fun to

eat them.



"AMEN" PARTY

