

Toras Emes E.C.E.

Parashas Bamidbar

May 24, 2012

Candle Lighting 7:46 P.M.

THANK YOU:

Mr. Chaim and Ana Bisker for donating educational equipment to the Pre-K class in honor of Gabi's fifth birthday.

CALENDAR NOTES:

Friday, May 25-Monday, May 28- Shavuos Vacation—
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, May 29- Classes resume at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 6- Kindergarten Graduation
10:30 a.m.

Monday, June 11- Last Day of School. Dismissal at
12:00 noon. No Aftercare.

Kindergarten Graduation

June 6
10:30 a.m.

Graduation DVD's

If you would like to order a DVD of the graduation, please send in a check for \$25 to the school office.

Graduation Gown

Please iron your child's graduation gown and send it back on a hanger no later than Wednesday, May 30.



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PRE-K ALEF BAIS SIYUM

To celebrate the completion of our Alef-Bais program, we are planning an Alef-Bais Siyum on Thursday, May 31, with our guest of honor, Rabbi Gedalya Glatt. Please dress your child in Shabbos clothing. If you would like to be a sponsor, please send in \$5.00.

LICHVOD YERUSHALAYIM

Thank you to the parents who sponsored this event:

Mr. Asher and Carmit Alfassy, Rabbi Yaakov and Adina Dreyfuss, Mr. Norman and Rivka Ginsparg, Mr. Ari and Shira Sipper, Mr. Dan and Sarah Suissa, Mr. Yaakov and Stacey Waldman and Mr. Gil and Vered Zaig.

DCF Health Forms

Please obtain new forms over the summer vacation. These forms, obtainable from your child's pediatrician, must list all immunizations received by your child and should state that the child is in good physical condition.

AROUND THE WORLD PROGRAM

Under the direction of Morah Judy Markell, the Pre-K classes put on two beautiful productions highlighting their Around The World Unit. Thank you to Mrs. Rivka Ginsparg, Mrs. Raizy Greenberg, Mrs. Lara Hoffman, Mrs. Amy Salzman and Mrs. Tamara Siegel for helping the children get ready for their performances.



NURSERY I & II- MOROT ETTIE & TAMI

For Chag HaShavuos, we talked about Matan Torah and learned about the minhagim connected with this chag such as decorating our homes with flowers, eating dairy foods and learning Torah all night long. We sang the song "Tov Tov Lilmud Torah" and listened to the stories The Two Brothers by Judith Belsky and The Scribe Who Lived In A Tree by Michoel Muchnik.

For Parashas Bamidbar, we learned that when Bnei Yisroel were camped in the midbar, the tribes were organized in the shape of a rectangle with the Mishkan in the center.

It is amazing how many words we have learned that start with the letters **בְּנֵי**. We had playing vocabulary games reinforcing our letters.

NURSERY II & III- MOROT NECHAMA & SUSAN

This week, we concluded our unit on Birds, Bees and Butterflies. We used our creative art skills to make different kinds of bird puppets.

We listened to many stories during library time. Our favorites this week were Have You Seen Birds by Joanna Openheim and Barbara Reid, Owl Babies by Martin Waddell, Butterfly by Susan Canizares and The Berenstain Bears And The Missing Honey by Stan and Jan Berenstain.

We also created a bulletin board with pictures of flowers and bees. The children made flowers and bees out of buttons and pom poms. We spoke about how bees produce honey and created jars of honey on our bulletin board.

After listening to the story Owl Babies by Martin Waddell, we discussed how the owls like to be with their families, just like us.

PRE-KI & II- MOROT ETTIE & HEIDI

The children have been so busy learning about Shavuos. We talked about minhagim connected to Chag HaShavuos— such as decorating our homes with flowers, eating dairy foods and learning Torah all night long. Shavuos has many other names too. Ask your child to share them with you. The children sat attentively listening to the story of Naomi and Rus. Having David **HaMelech as a descendant was such a great z'chus.**

You can hear the excitement in the Pre-K classes as they said **חזק חזק!** This week we finished our Aleph Bais books! Our letter of the week was the letter **ת**. Some of the new Hebrew vocabulary words that we learned were:

תורה
תפוח
תפוח אדמה
תפוז
תינוק
תינוקת

For Parashas Bamidbar, we discussed the division of the shevatim into their own camps. In blocks, the children depicted this by preparing different camping areas.

PRE-KI & II- MORAH JUDY

This week, the Pre-K children were excited to participate their “Around The World” Performance. It was a wonderful, proud event for all those who attended. The children were awarded trophies and other prizes after their spectacular program.

With all the excitement, the Pre-K children still found time to work on completing their alphabet letters. This week, they were introduced to letters “Uu” and “Vv”. Although “Uu” was already a familiar letter that had been taught with the letter “Qq”, the children came up with new words such as under, umpire and umbrella. Some new “Vv” words that the children sounded out were vulture, voice, vent and vavavoom.

The Pre-K children have been working on completing their end of the year albums, which are filled with Pre-K school memories.

KINDERGARTEN I, II & III– MOROT BAYLA & RENA

The graduation excitement continues to build in kindergarten. Parts, songs, and props-it's all so exciting. Please continue to practice the parts. It is hard to believe that our school year is coming to an end.

The letters פ and נ were introduced this week. The children are getting very good at blending the nekudos with the letters. Thank you for reviewing the homework sheets. Reinforcement at home gives the children the extra confidence at school.

As we continue to count the days of the Omer, we realize that we are very close to Chag HaShavuos. We learned about the many minhagim of Shavuos, and put together a lovely choveret. We also made yummy ma'achalei chalav-bitayavon!

The children were so interested in learning about Megillas Rus and how Rus became the great grandmother of Dovid HaMelech.

KINDERGARTEN I, II & III– MOROT BERNEY & HEIDI

We were so busy with all of our activities that we decided to hold over the letters "Xx" and "Yy" for another week. We reviewed the rule that "Yy" acts as both a consonant and a vowel, and had fun playing "Tic, Tac, Toe." We made a long list on the board of words that have "Yy" at the end which acts like a vowel. After examining our words, the children discovered the in all words that have one syllable, (cry, fly, my), the letter "Yy" makes the sound of the long "i". In all of our words that have two syllables, the letter "Yy" at the end sounds like a long "Ee" (pony, happy, silly).

In honor of "Yy" as a consonant, we talked about things that are yellow, the concept of yesterday and the concept of a year. We talked about things that come once a year like our birthdays. We also write in our journals about one thing that we learned this year.

We have been really concentrating on our math skills this week. We reviewed counting collections of coins-pennies, nickels and dimes and telling time on the hour and half hour. We also worked on simple equations-addition and subtraction. We are very proud of our children's math skills.

Can you believe that it is almost graduation? Please practice your child's part at home with him/her, emphasizing that it should be said slowly and loudly. Best wishes for a wonderful Shavuos.