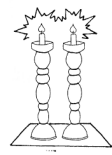


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Friday, November 13, 2009
Light Candles at: 5:36 pm
Shabbat, November 20, 2009
Shabbat Ends: 6:35 pm

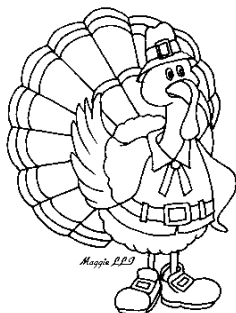


Dear Parents,

Your happy youngsters have been so busy with craft projects, outdoor play, movement and reading readiness activities. Let's give you a behind the scenes peak. We introduced the beautiful letter Bet by blowing bubbles. Benjamin was our Bet guest of honor this week.

The weekly Parsha helped introduce important concepts. One was "hachnasat orchim" which is, "welcoming guests," just as Avraham had so long ago. It led to a discussion of the desert. What is it? What grows there? What does it lack? Our second Parsha on the following week focused on Rivka at the well and how she offered water from the well to the thirsty camels-how hard a task it was compared to simply turning on the tap! It brought us back to desert; why water is so important. Rivka was so kindhearted and helped an old man and a young boy. We were so glad that we filled up 2 Tzedaka boxes already. Rabbi Kramer came and presented us with a new Tzedaka box and he explained how important the mitzvah is to help those in need.

The children particularly enjoyed dancing with colorful scarves, playing the Freeze Game and using the colorful parachute. The children followed directions wonderfully! Up goes the chute, in goes the children, the chute comes down and out they go!



Picture of the Week
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Thanksgiving is a holiday where we thank Hashem for all that he does for us. We have introduced Thanksgiving by coloring our individualized handprint turkeys and listening to the story of the Pilgrims. We learned about how long and difficult the journey across the ocean was. When they arrived in America the Indians taught the Pilgrims to hunt turkeys, plant corn and cook. We're planning other Thanksgiving projects to enhance your holiday table. Looking forward to serving you breakfast!

Cookies in the bakery shop is a game we play that have the children picking "cookies" according to the colors and or numbers, reinforcing these concepts. Some children are also using their name cards to "write" their names using capital and lowercase letters. We're thrilled with our new educational and fun games, especially the Peg Board/Construction set, which reinforces the following concepts; sorting, matching, discrimination, counting, memory and direction.

Stay tuned for our next exiting chapter!
Have a Good Shabbat!

Morah Myrna, Morah Chani, Morah Grace and Morah Kelly

