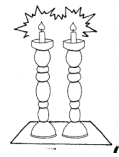


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Tuesday, May 18
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Wednesday, May 19
Light Candles after 8:55 pm



Dear Parents,

The *omer* days have flown by as the children counted every day so diligently, in preparation for Shavuot. The *Yeladim* are so happy that spring is here and we are enjoying the outdoors so much, jumping, running, climbing, playing with sand and sometimes even dancing outside. Secretly, we also enjoy the rainy days when Morah takes out our moon bounce and we can jump away.

In celebration of spring we started by reading the story of the hungry caterpillar who spun a chrysalis and became a beautiful butterfly. The children cut the leaves on which the egg hatched and created the caterpillar that became a butterfly. The youngsters reenacted the metamorphosis by pretending to be creepy crawly caterpillars and then flew here and there in the air as beautiful, colorful, carefree butterflies. This also reminds us of how the children have grown and developed since September. They have emerged as gorgeous, lovely, young, and independent individuals.

Pictures of the Week



Now let's move on to the other part of spring: our favorite ice cream holiday-Shavuot! Besides for all the ice cream & dairy foods surrounding the holiday, the children have enjoyed learning about G-d giving us the Torah on a humble little mountain - *Har Sinai*. We shaped and baked delicious Torah cookies. We also made *Har Sinai* with colorful flowers and the Torah on top. The *Yeladim* enjoyed singing our two Shavuot songs (see the back).

We are looking forward to *Jewish Author Week* after Shavuot.

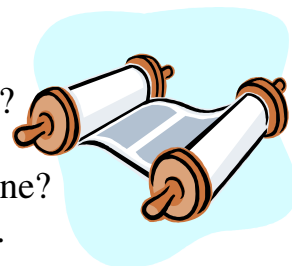
Have a wonderful Shavuot!

Morah Myrna, Morah Chani and Morah Grace

Shavuot songs

Hashem Gave Us a Present

Hashem gave us a present, do you know what it was?
He gave us the Torah, so we can keep its laws.
He asked the many nations, do you want this gift of mine?
But they said “*no, thank you*” the Torah’s not for us.
Then to the Jewish people Hashem did go.
We said “*Na’aseh Ve’nishma**”, Cuz we love Hashem so.



**Naaseh Venishma—we will do & we will hear*

Little Har Sinai

I am a Mountain so very high,
I can reach way up to the sky,
The Torah should be given on me,
'cuz I am as great as can be, You see!
Oh no!

I am much taller then you,
And there are so many things I can do
The Torah should be given on me,
'cuz I am as tall as can be you see!



But little Har Sinai, just stood there and sighed,
I know I’m not tall, I know I am not wide.
The Torah can’t be given on me
'cuz I’m a plain mountain he said simply!

But from all the mountains, Hashem chose Sinai,
Because he did not hold himself high
He had such simple and humble ways
and from this we learn that humbleness pays.

