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Jewish
Early
LEARNING
Center
Merrick-Bellmore
NEWS

Candle lighting times:
Friday evening,
5:46 pm



Dear Parents:

School is officially in full swing and exciting new changes that come with the season are abuzz in our school! The excitement and delight of welcoming a new member of the Kramer family has brought pure joy to all of the children. We welcome Devorah Leah into the world and can't wait for her to join our school one day. Also, it was a real pleasure having the opportunity to meet and speak with you during our annual 'Bring Your Sweetie For Ziti' evening last week. Please remember that our door is always open, if you ever have any questions, comments or concerns.

Last week, the children painted letter "B"s with "blue" balloons to welcome the letter of the week. They also went around the room looking for objects that began with the letter B. In playing this game, we also work on speaking in complete sentences while sharing information with their friends. As we sat in a circle, the children would take turns saying "This is a _____." We ate blueberries for snack while reading "Blueberries For Sal," by Robert McCloskey. Morah Rochel also had fun teaching the children about the Hebrew letter "Bet." The children decorated a "Bayit" for their letter "Bet"s to live in, and loved adding a button to their Bet's belly. We ended our weekly letter celebration with "bouncing" in the Bouncing Bayit.

Your children were also scientists last week as they made predictions about whether certain objects would sink or float. This tied in perfectly with Morah Rochel's teaching of Noach and the building of his ark that could float in water. We played several games to introduce the concept of rhyming and rhyming games are set up in the classroom during tabletop time and centers for the children to review this fun concept.

This week, we introduced the letter "C," by celebrating the world of color. We read stories such as "A Color Of His Own," by Leo Lionni and "Planting A Rainbow," by Lois Ehlert. The children discovered that by mixing a primary color with another primary color, they could create a brand new color. Morah Rochel led a discussion about Avraham and created a tent similar to Avraham's for the children to visit. They walked over mountains and through villages to get to the tent. During centers, the children enjoyed visiting the tent that was set up in the library for some quiet reading time.

We look forward to next week when we begin exploring Fall and all of the exciting changes that come with this season. Thank you again for sharing your children with us.



Shabbat Shalom,

Morahs Tara, Rochel and Apphia