

# March 16<sup>th</sup> Newsletter



Parshat Vayakel-Pekudei



## News!

Last week, we celebrated Purim and the children loved all the excitement that came along with it. The children made hamentashen and filled them in with chocolate, and jelly spreads. They also loved filling and decorating their graggers, singing purim songs and acting out the story with our Purim puppets! The next 2 weeks are going to be exciting! In conjunction with the change of weather and the upcoming holiday of Passover we have begun discussing the spring. We explored rain and discussed wearing rain boots and raincoats! We also discussed what happens when we see the sun while it rains and looked at rainbows, decorated rainbows and even made rainbow colored Challah!

With Purim over, we have begun our Passover unit! This week we spoke about how we have to get rid of all the chometz (leaven). We spent a whole morning "cleaning" our classroom from all the chometz! We then read a book about the process of making flour for Matzah. We then used all our 5 senses to see the differences between bread and Matzah and put everyone's feedback on a chart. You can see our discussion chart hanging in the classroom. Towards the end of the week, we started learning about the seder plate and the 15 different steps of the seder. In the following weeks, we will be making our haggadahs, learning about each step of the seder in depth, and learning new songs.



## Important Dates:

3/21- Parent Teacher Conferences (please sign up!)  
 4/6- Erev Pesach- No school  
 4/9-4/12 Pesach- No School (extended care available\*)

\*Please let us know by Monday March 19, 2012



## Teacher's Corner:

We cannot believe it is already the middle of March. The kids have learned so much in the past few weeks! They are learning the words to the new songs during circle. It is awesome to hear them singing them, during hand washing or when changing their diapers. They are learning so much from the consistency in our daily routine. The children know now what is coming next. It makes transition time all that much easier. We are looking forward to meeting with you on Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup>, to discuss the progress of your children.

Reminders:

~If you haven't signed up for Parent teacher conferences please do so by Monday.

~Please let the office know by Monday if you need extended care during the week of Passover.

Shabbat Shalom,

Morah Paola & Morah Chana & Morah Laura