

April Newsletter



Shalom Parents!

Things have been very exciting at the JELC, as the final two letters of the alphabet quickly approached and we anticipated 'Zoo Day' to celebrate the letter 'Z'.

Circle time

During circle time we reviewed colors, shapes, calendar and new words that begin with the letter Y and Z.

Yo-Yo	Yes	Yellow	Yak
Yippy	Yolk	Yarn	Yawn
Yoga	Yummy	Yuck	Yogurt
Ziploc	Zone	Zipper	Zoo
Zookeeper	Zebra	Zero	Ziti

We also learned a new song

Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah by Song Of The South

Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, zip-a-dee-ay

My, oh my what a wonderful day!

Plenty of sunshine heading my way

Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, zip-a-dee-ay

Mister Bluebird on my shoulder

It's the truth, it's actual

Everything is satisfactual

Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, zip-a-dee-ay

Wonderful feeling, wonderful day!

Cooking

For letter Y, we made 'Yogurt Pops' by mixing yogurt with orange juice, putting in a large popsicle stick and freezing them. The children looked forward to coming back to school, eagerly asking when they could eat their yogurt pops. For the letter Z, we baked Zucchini bread with chocolate chips. They were so excited to taste zucchini and they loved saying 'Zucchini' too.

Science

In honor of the letter 'Z', we had exciting visitors from the zoo! All the children enjoyed seeing and petting the large variety of animals-snakes, frogs, birds, rabbits, ferrets & more!

Counting the Omer

We learned about counting the 49 days between Passover and Shavuot as we anticipate the giving of the Torah. We made our own 'Sefirat Haomer' charts that we can use at home. During Sefirat Haomer, we try being extra nice to our friends. We discussed helping, sharing, playing nicely, and apologizing. We also started learning about the holiday of Lag Ba'omer, and how Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai had to hide in a cave.

Alef Bet

We learned the letters Shin and Tav. It's hard to believe we already learned all of the Alef Bet! We can't wait to start our review activities next week!

Song

1. You share, I share, we all share together.
Sharing together that's the thing to do.
Toys, and books, and puzzles, and dolls,
Whatever you've got, you've got to share them all!

2. Bar Yochai, Bar Yochai, Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai (x2)
Lag Baomer is a very special day.
We remember Bar Yochai, who had to run away.

3. We're counting, we're counting the days. Today is number ___ we're on our way. From Pesach until Shavuot time, 7 weeks times 7 is 49.

Save the date:



April 28th – Lag B'Omer in the park!

May 9th – Muffins for Mom

May 4th – Early dismissal

May 5th & 6th – School Closed for Shavuot

May 27th – School Closed for Memorial Day

June 13th – Donuts for dad

June 19th – End of year celebration/ last day of school

We see flowers in front of our school, and the songs of the birds in our large trees all remind us of the arrival of Spring. We also recognize, however, that a little wind, some very cool, damp mornings and, possibly, a few showers still separate us from the warm, mild days we anticipate. We ask that you please bring in a warm sweater for when your child goes outside.

We wish Morah Laura a 'refuah shleima'-speedy recovery, and hope she comes back soon!

Shabbat Shalom,
Morahs Chaya & Paola