

October Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We are so happy to be back in school now that holiday season is over. Here are some of the things we've done in the past two weeks ☺

Last week: In conjunction with Simchat Torah and the many times we drink grape juice or wine after hearing Kiddush, we learned about grapes -where they come from and how grapes grow on vines. We learned how grapes come in different colors like yellow, green, dark blue, and purple. We did color sorting and made grape marble art. We learned that red and blue make purple and we took purple markers to make grapes on vines. For our science project, we put grapes in a ziploc bag, smashed them and made grape juice, which could be used to make Kiddush. We also talked more about Sukkot and how it leads right into Simchat Torah. We learned about Hakafot, the Bima, and what an Aliyah is. During circle time we discussed all the different holidays that were in the month of Tishrei and how fast the month went! All the children made flags for Simchat Torah to dance around the Bima with during Hakafot.

This week: We introduced 'fall' to the classroom! We began by discussing all four seasons and the differences between each season. We discussed what to wear and what not to wear in the fall. We discussed the color changes on the leaves that happen in fall. We learned a new fall song to sing during circle time. The children picked up leaves to put on the tree that Morah Paola put on the bulletin board.

We also started to learn the Aleph Bet and all the letters that are in the Aleph Bet including all the final letters. We are beginning to go over each letter from the beginning starting with Aleph! This week, we introduced our friend the Aleph. We looked at the shape and created the Aleph with different objects, molding and shaping it to help us remember the shape. Each letter will be introduced with a story so that the children can remember the shape and what it looks like better.

In connection with this week's Torah portion, we learned all about Noah and the great flood! We had fun building a giant ark out our blocks and animals, and learned a song too! We drew our very own pictures of the story as well!

We are beyond excited for the weeks ahead as next week we enter the month of Cheshvan! Happy Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan!

Sincerely, Morah Sarah Chanah & Morah Paola

