

November Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Last week, Binyamin brought in many pumpkin books that we read during circle time. We made mat man heads and talked about how when we place them where vegetables grow it scares the animals so they won't eat the produce. We also worked on our eye-hand coordination skills by making pumpkins out of orange strips of paper. Our little scientists melted crayons over the top of a pumpkin, discovering the unique properties of crayons along with the colorful addition to the pumpkin! We practiced our culinary skills and baked pumpkin pie. We also began our Chanukah unit. The children made candles and decorated a menorah to put up on our bulletin board. We also discussed what we know about Chanukah. We talked about the menorah and we learned that there are 9 candles with 8 on one level and the 9th (the Shamash) on a different level. It is fun taking out our menorah set and pretending to light. We also learned about playing dreidel or 'sivivon'. The children got to play with all different types of dreidels and we learned that they come in all different sizes. We learned the letter 'Vuv'!

This week, we began discussing the story of Thanksgiving through puppets and story boards. We discussed why the pilgrims left England and how they met the Native Americans. We made the Mayflower out of hand prints for our art projects. We also practiced the alphabet and were introduced to the letter L. We continued our unit on Chanukah. We learned that the holy land was ruled by the Greeks who tried to make the Jews bow down to idols and abandon their faith in Hashem. We learned how a small band of Jews called the 'Macabees' drove the Greeks from the land and reclaimed our holy temple. When we looked for oil in our temple there was only enough to last one day but it lasted for eight days! What a miracle! We are making 'surprise' Chanukah presents for our parents to give out at our Chanukah/ Thanksgiving breakfast!! (Save the date: **November 27th, 2013 at 9 am**)! We cannot wait to share the songs that we've learned for you! This week we also learned the letter 'Zayin'. It was so much fun seeing everyone's share day toys! We look forward to the weeks ahead! ☺☺☺☺

Sincerely,
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