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Last week, we began learning about the fall and talked about acorns. We went on an acorn hunt outside in the playground. We discussed which animals eat acorns and how squirrels store them and eat them for the winter. We looked outside for squirrels and we saw how fast they are and how they climb the trees very fast. We brought all the acorns inside and compared them all. Some were heavier than others. Some looked dirty and some looked clean. We also compared sizes. The children loved having the acorns in the classroom. Last week was Parshas Lech Lecha. We all learned a new song to help us remember the Parsha!

Lyrics: Lech Lecha, from this land you'll go---Eretz K'naan (Land of Canaan) is the land that I will show—I will make you great—Many children in the future is your fate!—Lech Lecha, a nation you will be—Yisroel will be yours, you will see—Your children will prosper in this land—They will be as many as the stars and sand!—Hashem changed Avrom's name—The father of B'nei Yisroel (Children of Israel), he became.

The children had collected sand from our sandbox to put on our projects. We glued silver glitter for the stars and glued the sand on the ground. When we tried to count how many grains of sand and stars there were we realized that we couldn't finish counting them because there were so many! We also were introduced to letters Bais and Vais. We said that Beis has a belly button and Veis has none! Along with that, the children are enjoying their new Aleph Beis workbooks. We also celebrated Leah Kramer's 3rd Birthday!!

This Week: We are learning our 'Left' from our 'Right'. This is a very important thing to know because it starts the concept of directions as well as learning to write. We started shaking our hands with all our friends during circle time with our left hands. We are matching our left hands and legs and our right hands and legs. We also danced the Hokey Pokey to help the children identify their left from their right. We always use our right hand to cover our eyes when we say the Shema!

We were introduced to the letter Gimmel this week! We discussed the shape and d that it originally looks like a camel. We learned that the word "camel" and Gimmel are related, as in Hebrew, "Gamal" means "camel."

In discussing Parshat Vayeira, we learned all about Hachnasat Orchim (inviting guests) and Bikur Cholim (visiting the sick). The children had all sent out 'Refuah Shelayma' (get well) cards to one of our classmates who wasn't feeling well! We also learned a new song to help us understand the Parsha!

Lyrics: From North to South, from East to West—Avrohom's tent was open to guests—Three Malochim (angels) were sent—Each to do something different—A son you will have, Sarah was told—She laughed and said, "I'm too old,"—The next malach (angel) came to destroy S'dom—The third came to heal Avrohom—Chorus:-- Avrohom ran to the Malochim—To be machnis orchim— Avrohom ran to the Malochim—To be machnis orchim.

Have a Great Shabbat!

Sincerely, Morahs Paola and Sarah Chanah

