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Dear Parents,

Last week the children had fun learning about Parshat Chayei Sarah by playing and singing "Sally the Camel". We made Jewelry for our moms, just like Eliezer gave to Rivkah, as a gift to marry Yitzchok (Isaac). We read Kind Little Rivkah and learned just how nice and good Rivkah really was! We also learned the Hebrew letter 'Daled' and had our first Share Day! The children had so much fun bringing in items that either started with the letter 'Daled' or sounded like the letter 'D' and we especially enjoyed the live 'Dag' (fish) that Kaleb brought. We also began learning about 'Mat Man' who is made up of wooden pieces as an introduction to our Handwriting Without Tears curriculum. We started with Mat Man's head, body, legs, and arms. We do all kinds of activities with Mat Man. We discussed what Mat Man was missing and the children started adding ears, eyes, a nose, a mouth, a neck, hands, and fingers. During art time, the children recreated Mat Man, drawing him on their own! The children's drawing began to get more detailed throughout the week. The wooden pieces introduced new vocabulary: curves, circles, horizontal, and diagonal.

This week, we had such a fantastic time recreating the story of Yaakov and Eisav. We learned all about twins! We compared and contrasted the twins with a Venn diagram which we put up on the board. We learned that Yaakov was a good boy that loved to learn Torah and Eisav was very red and loved to hunt and hurt people's feelings. We put red hair on Eisav and made Yaakov very smooth. Each child made his/her own Yaakov and Eisav puppet. We enjoyed acting out the story of the Parsha with our puppets in our puppet theater within the classroom and it was so much fun watching the children act out the story! We also learned the letter 'Hey' and had our 2nd Share Day this week. This week, we also began our unit on Thanksgiving. We began describing what a pumpkin is. Using the children's past experiences, we remembered it is something that you can eat. They described how pumpkin pie smells and how delicious it is. Morah brought in all different types of pumpkins and the children learned to compare and contrast them all. The children carved the pumpkins the next day. All the children felt the inside of the pumpkins. After we carved the pumpkins we put Mat Man's head on the pumpkin. The children loved singing the Mat Man songs as well as recognizing the body parts that were missing from him.

We welcome and wish a very Happy Birthday to our new Friday student, Liam Miles!

Please note that the weather is getting colder, so make sure to send your child with the proper winter attire.

Thank you and have a great Shabbat!
Morah Sarah Chanah & Morah Paola

