

February Newsletter 1

Dear Parents,

For the past couple of weeks we have been focusing on learning all about counting, money, Presidents Day, the Hebrew month of Adar, and tzedakah-charity!

Math - We continued to learn patterns with pennies and quarters. The children started noticing all the details on the coins and they started sorting by year or make of the coin.

English Literature - This week the children learned the Letters 'T' and 'I'. They practiced writing the letters on the dry erase boards. They drew pictures of an object or person that begins with the letter. The children were very creative with the activity. As a group activity the children painted trees with green paint on the letter T. We also practice writing the letters on the sensory table with their fingers on 'snow' (shaving cream). The children love the smell and texture of the shaving cream.

Social Studies- We learned about the deeds of two legendary American Presidents—George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. These men helped to shape our government and give us the many freedoms that we have come to enjoy. The children celebrated President's day by learning about George Washington's birthday and learning some facts, such as George Washington being the first president of the US and his face being on the quarter. We learned that Abraham Lincoln is on the penny and he wanted for everyone to be friends. We also talked about President Obama, who is our current president.

Hebrew Literature- We learned the letters 'lamed', 'mem', and 'final mem'. We learned words that began with these letters and shaped the letters with foam and shaving cream. We began using our 2nd Aleph Bet workbook.

Weekly Torah Portion- Last week, we learned all about what the Kohanim (priests) would wear in the Mishkan (tabernacle). We learned that they wore 8 articles of clothing and discussed what they were. We made Kohanim puppets with our faces on them which we can play with on Purim!

Judaic Circle- We began learning about the month of Adar! ☺ We are learning that this month is a prime time to be happy! We are making big smiley face masks. We are also learning the song 'MishNichnas Adar marbim b'simcha' which means- 'When Adar arrives we increase our joy'. We also began our tzedakah unit this week. We talked about how we should be happy to help someone in need and role played different encounters on how to give tzedakah. We made tzedakah jars.

Fitness- We began a new class this week called 'JumpBunch' with Miss Winkie. It incorporates physical fitness with athletic activities, and the children were all involved, having an absolute blast!

We are so joyous to be in the month of Adar and cannot wait to continue the weeks ahead!

Shabbat Shalom,

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