

April Newsletter 2



Dear Parents,

We are happy to be back, 'spring'ing into action! We are now continuing our spring unit, learning about recycling as well as the counting of the omer. We can't wait to get the Torah and enjoy practicing our counting skills!

Math: We have been doing lots of counting! We counted the recycling bottles and also compared sizes. We counted the sunflower seeds on our handprint sunflowers! We counted all the 'nests' in the trees outside for spring and the letter 'N'. We are counting to the number '49' for the Omer and put the numbers on our Mount Sinai bulletin board.

Science & Social Studies: We learned how flowers grow and tasted sunflower seeds. Some of us took seeds home to grow ourselves! We spoke about how we need to recycle to keep the earth's resources intact. We discussed that there are 2 different garbage trucks that come to our house for pick up and the reasons why. We read the book "I Love Earth" written by Bill Martin Jr.

Judaics: We discussed the reasons why we are so excited to receive the Torah and talked about how we are counting down the days for the most exciting present that Hashem could ever give us. We also discussed why rules are so important. We read the book "No Rules for Michael" written by Sylvia A. Rouss and discussed the importance of rules in the classroom. We also created a mock trip to Israel where we visited the Kotel and simulated a mock trip to the airport. It was great fun, and the children loved bringing in their suitcases for the "flight". We read the book "Sammy Spider's First Trip to Israel" written by Sylvia A. Rouss.

Literacy: We learned the sounds of the letters 'M' & 'N'. We reviewed words beginning with these letters. We also acted out '5 little monkeys swinging on a tree'. Our 3's are working on and getting proficient in writing their names! They are getting practice each day and even wrote their names in their very own passports for our Israel trip!

Art: We made sunflowers with our handprints and glued on real sunflower seeds. We made Magen Davids (Star of David's) with different shades of blue paint and learned that all it takes are 2 triangles to draw one. When we visited Israel we "planted trees" in Israel by making a beautiful tree craft. For our mock trip to Israel, we also created our very own 'child passports' and were given boarding passes to make sure we got on board.

Hebrew: We introduced the letter 'Tzadik'. For share day we learned words together that begin with the letter 'Tzadik'. We shaped the letter 'Tzadik' as well.

Movement: To understand Israel's geography we made 'body maps' with our own bodies. Jerusalem was our belly buttons.

**** Reminder:** Share Day is every Wednesday. Please see weekly curriculum for what items to bring. We will also be collecting recyclables to 'go green' for the rest of the school year.

Shabbat Shalom,
Morah Sarah Chanah & Morah Paola

