

NOVEMBER 26, 2014 NEWSLETTER Thanksgiving!



Dear Parents,

<u>Judaic Circle:</u> This week we learned the Torah portion of 'Vayeitzei' in great detail. We learned that Yaakov (Jacob) ran away from Esav, who was angry at him for taking the "Number One Son" blessing from Yitzchak (Isaac). He had a dream in which he saw angels going up and down a ladder stretched from the ground to the sky. We made believe we were Yaakov sleeping on 12 rocks that become one while he slept.

Yaakov met Rachel at the well and she took him home to meet her father Lavan. Lavan tricked Yaakov and had him work seven years to marry Rachel, but then gave him Leah instead. Yaakov worked another seven years and married Rachel also. Hashem blessed Leah with seven babies and Rachel had none. Finally Rachel had one baby, Yosef.

We made ladders out of pretzels for snack and put them on graham crackers with cream cheese. We ate our project!

Here is the song we learned:
(Tune of Mary had a Little Lamb)
Yaakov went to see Lavan, see Lavan, see Lavan
Yaakov went to see Lavan, and asked to marry Rachel.

Yaakov worked for 7 long years, 7 long years, 7 long years Yaakov worked for 7 long years, so he could marry Rachel.

But Lavan tricked Yaakov, tricked Yaakov, tricked Yaakov, But Lavan tricked Yaakov, and he married Leah instead.

So Yaakov worked for 7 more years, 7 more years, 7 more years, So Yaakov worked for 7 more years, and finally married Rachel.

Science: We did a short unit on rocks. We did a book share with our friends. Everyone looked at books on rocks and found special pictures to show their friends. We remembered how Yaakov put 12 rocks near his head when he was sleeping.

<u>Social Studies & Math:</u> We have been so busy preparing for our Thanksgiving celebration! We baked pumpkin pie for our party! We measured the ingredients (math) and took turns putting the ingredients into the bowl and mixing it.

Art: We made handprint turkey placemats as well as beads out of clay which we painted and strung. We learned how the Native American Indians used beads called WAMPUM instead of money to buy things.

<u>Literacy:</u> We did a story structure chart for the book, "The Perfect Thanksgiving" by Eileen Spihelli. The children compared and contrasted the two families in keeping with our "same and different" unit. We had a lot of fun talking about the very different Thanksgiving celebrations of the two families.

We practiced our songs for the breakfast and the children learned them really quickly and did a great job performing them for their loved ones who came! Thank you all for coming to participate in our celebration!







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