

# DECEMBER 24 , 2014 NEWSLETTER



**PARSHAT VAYIGASH, Candle Lighting 4:15**



## Dear Parents,

We were so busy with our Chanuka story as per our grid that we sent mid-Chanukah. The children were so excited to finally light their menorahs, eat latkes, play dreidel and sing their Chanukah songs.

**Judaic Circle:** We learned about Pharaoh's dream - Skinny cows and fat cows... We made our very own fat cows and skinny cows to take home. This week we learned how Josef (Yosef) revealed himself to his brothers, made peace with them, and was reunited with his father Jacob after so many years.

We sang "I am Yosef, is my father still alive; I am Yosef, my father's still alive" (to the tune of "Oh, Sussana").

**Science:** We began our winter theme this week! We did an experiment using frozen colored water, and painted beautiful pictures with it. Ask the children to tell you about it and check out our new bulletin board!

**Literacy/Language Development/Phonetic awareness:** The letter of the week is 'W' for winter. We listed many 'W' words that we know. We read "Are you ready for Winter?" by Sheila Anderson and discussed how people and animals get ready for the winter. We did many rhymes for with Chanukah and winter themes! We also discussed what we like best about Chanukah, and drew a picture of it.

**Math:** We worked on number identification and drew dots corresponding to numbers 1 through 8.

**Social Studies:** We are learning how to use a plastic knife and frosted our own doughnuts. We practiced lighting our own menorahs on our Chanukah bulletin board and predicted how many candles we'd light on the next night.

**Music & Movement:** During these wet winter days, we do lots of music and movement every day. We gone on 'bear hunts' and moved to our movement music!

Morah Shari will be out Monday and Tuesday, and a wonderful substitute, Morah Celeste, will be filling in.

Wishing all of you a safe and wonderful vacation!

Shabbat Shalom,

**Morah Shari and Morah Tamari** 😊

