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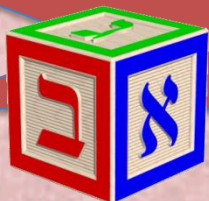
Dear Parents,

We are so happy to be back in school here at the JELC. The children were so excited to return and tell each other all about their winter breaks! As soon as we came back from vacation, we began a unit on Transportation. The children have been very excited to learn and explore all different vehicles. We have been comparing and contrasting different types of vehicles. The children noticed that all cars have 4 wheels. We discussed why wheels are round. We wondered how cars would drive if they had square wheels! The children enjoyed using different shapes to construct their own cars! The vehicles were all so unique! The children had a fun time tire-track painting, driving on ramps, and "fixing" cars in our "mechanic's shop". We have also been graphing how each of us come to school and how our parents travel to work each day! This week we started to explore vehicles that fly and those that float! The children had so much fun floating boats in our water table. The children also enjoyed discussing the differences between airplanes, helicopters and hot air balloons! We also compared boats, ships, jet skies, canoes and more! We read Toy Boat by Randall de Save and Loren Long. We also read Micawber by John Lithgow, This is the way we go to school by Edith Baer, The Bus is for Us by Michael Rosen. This week we also learned about Martin Luther King Jr. The children understand how important it is to treat each other the same. It doesn't matter if we have brown eyes, or blue eyes, curly hair or straight hair, light skin or dark skin, inside we are all people with feelings! The children got a chance to see brown hard boiled eggs and white hard boiled eggs. After we peeled the eggs, the children were able to see that the eggs were the same on the inside! This important lesson and conversation taught the children the importance of tolerance and celebrating our differences! and We read The story of Martin Luther King Jr. by Johnny Ray Moore In the Alphabet we learned the letter S and the letter U. The children learned that to form an "s" we slither back and then forth. We discussed that S says ss... like snake, but that when it is "glued" to an H it says Sh.. Like show. The children were also excited to learn that the letter U has two sounds. The short U sound like up and the long U sound like unicycle! The children had a fun time making their own "U- umbrellas". On Thursday we celebrated Sophia Desideri's birthday. Happy Birthday Sophia! On Friday the children had a great time decorating donuts and making crafts with their special guest! Congratulations to Aiden Last on becoming an uncle!

Morah Roni, Morah Chardae and Morah Dale

P.S. If you have anything transportation related to share (subway map, metrocards, license plate, old keys etc.) please share it with us!





JUDAIC ENRICHMENT NEWS



The past two weeks in Judaic Enrichment we learned to recognize the letters Vet and Gimmel. We learned that vet says V like violet and gimmel says G like green. The children are starting to differentiate between the sounds and shapes of the 4 letters we have learned so far!

While we were on vacation, we missed Parshat Shemot. It is the first parsha in the book of shemot or Exodus, the second book in the Torah. We have spent the last 2 weeks learning 3 parshas. We learned Shemot, Vaayra and Bo. These parshas are about the Exodus from Egypt. Shemot begins with the Jews as slaves in Egypt. Pharaoh tells the midwives that they have to "take away" any Jewish baby boys that are born. Moses' mom put him safely in a basket and he floats in the river until he is found by Pharaoh's daughter. Moses is brought up by the Pharaoh's daughter and finally learns that he is not Egyptian, but a Hebrew. Moses leaves Egypt, marries and becomes a shepherd. Then one day Hashem presents himself in the form of a burning bush and tells Moses to go back to Egypt to tell the Pharaoh to let the Jewish people go. This week's parsha is Parshat Bo, where we continue to learn about the ten plagues (the last 3 plagues). We are also making plans to celebrate the upcoming Jewish holiday of Tu B'Shevat, birthday of the trees, which is at the end of January.

Shabbat Shalom!

Morah Roni and Morah Chardae

P.S. Please send in a ½ inch binder for our alef-bet books.
Thank you.



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