

Nachas News



Gan Israel Preschool

Date: June 9, 2017

Parsha: Bahaalotecha

Announcements

Preschool Picnic- this Sunday 11:30 AM.

Bring your own picnic, drinks and dessert provided. The weather is expected to be warm so we will have water activities for the children.

Preschool Graduation

Thursday June 15th. 12:00 -1:00 PM

Last day of school – Friday June 16th.

No aftercare. All children should be picked up by 1:00 PM

Photo of the Week



Next Week's Snack Family

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Director's Message

This week was all about fire safety. Please take this opportunity to check your smoke detectors and make sure your home is safe. Matches, lighters etc should be out of sight and reach of children. Remind children that fire is hot and can hurt them and they should always tell a grown up if they see a lighter or matches left out and never touch it themselves. Review an escape plan with your family and decide on a meeting spot should you have to leave your home in an emergency. Safety leaflets and coloring books are being sent home today. Stay safe, have a great Shabbos and I hope to see you at the picnic on Sunday.

2's



Watching the fire safety puppet show

3's



Pre-K



Shabbos Times:

Candle lighting: 8:15 PM

Shabbos ends: 9:22 PM

Aftercare

We have so much fun with our friends in Aftercare. Here's some of what we've been up to this week:

- Impromptu break dancing on the deck
- Sandbox sun-n-fun
- Snakes, alligators, and lions, oh my!
- Innovation and creativity
- Curiosity and exploration
- Cooperative clean up
- Acrobatics
- Friendship (always!)
- Performance

Photos 16-18: A special shout out to Avi. We loved having you join us this week in Aftercare.

Shabbat Shalom!

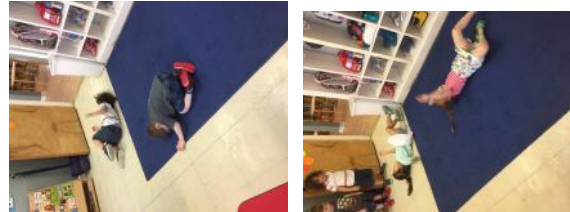
Morahs Amy, Suzy, Melissa, Maria, and Natalie



2-Year-Old Class

Stop Drop and Roll !

Yaakov and Avi, Ayalah and Lila practicing the three steps of what to do if your clothes catch on fire.



If there is an emergency dial 911 and tell them what is wrong!



Story time. Learning all about fire safety from Clifford the Big Red Dog.



We are so proud of our class! They are growing and learning each day. They cooperate, share and enjoy their preschool friends. Here are some pictures of your wonderful kids working together:



Shabbat Shalom,
Morah Suzy, Morah Miki, Morah Shari

3-Year-Old Class

On Friday we had a Fire Safety Puppet Show presented by Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. The children have been excited about this all week. In preparation, we have been learning about Fire Safety. We discussed never playing with matches, not touching hot surfaces, and what to do in a fire. Especially important is never hiding, as firefighters need to be able to find everyone.

The children practiced calling 911 and then made their own special 911 phones. When to call 911 and what to say on the phone were part of the conversation.

Nosson decided to spray the fire with water.

Although it's serious business, the children had fun crawling on their bellies for "Get Low and Go", practicing as if there is smoke. Especially fun was crawling through a tunnel used as an aide to encourage getting low to the ground.

Some of the children were already familiar with the saying "Stop, Drop, and Roll" and were able to demonstrate it for the rest of the class. Then everyone had the opportunity to practice so to know what to do if there are ever flames on clothes.

Riding in our class fire engine together was so much fun!

Our class is growing such mensches! It is beautiful witnessing many of the interactions between the children.

For a couple of weeks now, the children's favorite game is playing "airplane" together. This is often the first thing they want to do in the morning once a fair number of children are in attendance, and others are included as they arrive. The children set up chairs, gather different items from around the room to take on board, and negotiate roles (pilots, various family members, etc.). Sometimes they even invite the morahs on board, often to fly to Israel. There are a lot of components to this game, with details being added and tweaks constantly being made. This game can go on for an extended period of time!

Additionally, this some of what we heard and witnessed this week:

- Children carrying each other's lunch boxes to and from the playground as we had two picnics this week. As just one example, Eli, the consummate gentleman, walked over to Elle as she was carrying her lunch box and asked if she'd like him to carry it. Elle agreed.
- Elle putting her hand on Nosson's back to help him up a small hill.
- Children getting paper towels for each other after washing hands.
- The children helping each other at snack time and using polite words to ask for snack bowls to be passed.
- The children working cooperatively together to build "Har Sinai" from the mulch on the playground. Elle started this effort and other soon joined in. As Lila said to Elle, "We're friends. We built Har Sinai together".
- Elle sharing her book she brought from home and the children listening attentively as she "read" them the book

The children are growing and getting ready to move on to the next level. The 3s class spent about a half hour this week visiting the pre-K classroom and teachers as a taste for next year. The children returned quite excited.

We're getting to be big kids. We take care of and love each other!

Shabbat Shalom!

Morah Amy and Morah Melissa

Pre K Class

What another exciting week! We in the Pre-K classroom are busy at work. We celebrated letter Z and the completion of our ABC books (they went home today)

Next week will be the last week of school and we will celebrate summer birthdays as well as having had over 100 days of school.

Friday was awesome! We had a special visit from Fairfax County Fire who performed a fire safety puppet show. It was a great review about what is safe for children to touch and what is for grownups.



This week we are also gearing up to say goodbye to some of our toys in the classroom so that next year's children would be able to enjoy them as well. It's a very exciting time at the preschool and we are happy to share it all with you.



GRADUATION!! Graduation is next Thursday June 15th at 12:00. Please have children dress for the occasion. We will be providing them with graduation caps.

We will not have a morning snack that day and the children will eat lunch around 11:00 AM. After the graduation there will be a parve dessert reception for all our students and guests. We look forward to celebrating this special milestone with you.

Shabbat Shalom, Morah Terri & Morah Maria