

Nachas News



Gan Israel Preschool

Date: Sept 29, 2017

Parsha: Yom Kippur

Announcements

- MAZEL TOV!! to Mimi and Eli Fleet (Parents of Grant- 2's class) on the birth of a baby girl, Avery Elizabeth. We wish you much nachas now and always.
- SAVE THE DATE: Sukkah Family Event- Wed Oct 11th at 9:15AM (1 hour). Join us for Brachot snacks in the Sukkah, followed by flags and dancing to get ready for Simchat Torah.

Photo of the Week



Next Week's Snack Family

Snack family reminders will be emailed out by our PTO president, Talya Keren, on Fridays. Please look out for her email.

Director's Message

Thank you to all the moms who joined together for our Mom's Night Out. It was wonderful to share an evening of good food, wine, and most of all conversation! We will have the opportunity to meet up again at the Mega Challah bake on Oct 26th. I hope you will join us together with many other women in the Northern Virginia Jewish Community for this special event.

Soccer and ballet will start next week. Sign up is still available.

Aftercare Antics! Aftercare has been full of activity. Sometimes we engage with our same age-group peers and sometimes we discover common interests with our younger and older friends. This multi-age group is becoming quite cohesive, playing with and looking out for each other.



Eating snack together



Exploring astronauts and space



Water play is so much fun, and refreshing on a hot day

Shabbos Times:

Candle lighting: 6:37 PM

Shabbos ends: 7:32 PM

2- Year Old - 3 day class

Last week we only had one day but we used it well! We used a bee provocation to make bee art (it is now hanging with their honeycombs). During circle we had an excellent time singing Rosh Hashanah songs and talking about the new year. This week we continued creating our Shabbat set and painted a Challah cover. It will appear on our Shabbat table the next Friday we are in school. We are having a wonderful time exploring objects in our sensory table as well. Last week we had Shofars, bees and flowers in the table, while this week we had maracas and tambourines.



Seen around the classroom:

Jordanna, Hirsh and Maya on the rocking animals on the playground.

Rhett making laps around the room

Noa carrying around our visiting Buzz Buzz the Bee.

Hirsh and Rhett pounding the table at lunch time.

Noa loves to sit on Morah Zelda's lap in circle time.

Rhett and Hirsh playing with the pegs together.

Maya moving her seat around in circle time.

Shabbat Shalom

Morah Amy and Morah Zelda

2-Year-Old – 5 day class

Our children were excited once again trying to make their round Challah for Rosh Hashana.



A friendly hug and kiss for Grant! Haily loves to "look" after her friends!



Miles and Jonah taking turns to make our Fall Festivals mural. We explore Jewish holiday symbols and signs of the Fall.



Every morning they enjoy playing around the kitchen area and prepare a yummy breakfast. We are seeing more and more interactive and cooperative play in the classroom.



Mazel Tov to Grant and his family on his new baby sister. We can't wait to meet her!

Shabbat Shalom

Morah Suzy, Morah Shari and Morah Miki

3-Year-Old Class

The past couple of weeks we've been learning about the High Holidays - Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur - through a variety of experiences.

Yaakov emulates his Zayde blowing the shofar

Exploring with apple colors red, yellow, and green. What new colors can we make?

We cut our own apples with plastic knives. Apple crisp is so yummy!

Our Yom Kippur learning largely centered upon the story of Yonah and the Big Fish, with themes of kindness, mitzvot/doing the right thing, forgiveness, and second chances.

"Fish science" with the pre-K class was lots of fun! We...
 - learned fish facts and read a fish storybook (theme of including/sharing with others and doing the right thing),
 - had fish water play (theme of still water vs. moving water and letting hurts wash away)
 - worked as a "school of fish" together on a fish floor puzzle

Here comes the big fish. We better watch out for and help the smaller fish.

The children made their own Yonah storyboards. Ask them to tell you the story.

Yonah's ship was sure rocking in the stormy waters.
 Yonah learned to put his best face forward and use his listening ears (Lyla and Ayalah)



Bee color patterns with yellow and black. Jacob got it!



Shabbat Shalom! Shana Tova and G'mar Chatima Tova!

Morah Amy and Morah Zelda

Pre K Class

In honor of Yonah & the big fish, we started discussing water and fish. This Week In Science we discovered the parts of the fish: their different types of fins and discovered that fish don't have lungs rather, gills. Fish breathe under the water using their gills.

We also discovered that groups of fish are called schools. The students were more than excited to create an underwater environment for their own special schools of fish which we will probably put up in our classroom. The children also discovered a new part of our library with headphones. We have a number of books on CD and the children are happy to learn to follow along, listening to the beep in order to turn the page. On Thursday we had a treat and listen to Israeli music all morning long.

A number of new games and toys have made an appearance in the classroom.



Elle, Lila, Owen, Bina, Daveed, Nosson, Uri & Rebecca have begun to adore the new matching game. It has its own book where we actually get to turn the pages and watch it get more difficult as we move along.

Ellie & Nosson are thoroughly enjoying the blocks & sorting them in order to put them away. They have been using the huge castle book to inspire their building.



Shabbat Shalom, Morahs Terri & Maria