



# Kingdom Konnection

## Happy Hanukkah!!!

What a fun week we had celebrating Hanukkah! The students did several art, reading, math and writing activities related to the holiday and had a great time even if we were in school! :) Please accept my apologies for sending home a homework packet. I did not really think that one through and completely understand all of you that were unable to complete it due to the holiday. Please remember that you may always take extra time to finish the packets!

This week when we were not celebrating Hanukkah, we were busy learning about coins, sight words, cause and effect and adjectives. In centers the students: made snowy scenes using

shaving cream and glue, created a sight word scramble, sorted coins, practiced their handwriting and made Hanukkah cards. Next week the students will be: making winter mobiles, matching candle flames to candles by reading color words, doing snowman addition, making Hanukkah books and creating a family book. Students will also be making snowflakes on their geoboards, creating a winter puzzle, practicing their handwriting and playing sight word hopscotch.

Our focus in reading groups will be on story mapping. I will be introducing setting and plot and the students will be doing several activities related to these two parts of stories.

In math, we will be working with calculators all week long. The students will be learning how to use a calculator and then will learn how to use the calculator to help them skip count.

In writer's workshop, the students will be working more with details as well as how to focus on the most important part of a story.

We will also begin a new Social Studies unit on family. We will be talking about what makes a family and why families are important!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and Happy Hanukkah.

### SUPPLY REFILLS

As we near the end of the first half of school we find ourselves running low on some supplies. The following is a list of things we need replenished and we would greatly appreciate any donations! Thank you!

Glue Sticks

Soap

Hand Sanitizers

Paper Plates

### Reminders

- BRING KIPPOT EVERY DAY!!!!
- 2:30 Friday Dismissal
- Torah Dinner December 9th at Lowes Vanderbilt Plaza honoring Dr. Berk
- Rosh Chodesh, Monday, December 10th...students may dress in Rosh Chodesh attire

## Hebrew Corner

Dear Gan Chova Parents,

Happy Chanukkah! It has been such a pleasure watching each child this week get excited about something else related to Chanukkah, whether it was the student that said that their biggest present was getting to spend time with their family, or the student that can't wait to play with her Webkin, or the student that can't wait to do our introduction for the sevivon song (ask them to do it...we've got some great dancers!). This week we went over the brachot that we say on Chanukkah, we reviewed the story of the Maccabees and had an oil search (ask them to sing I wonder where the oil is). Next week will be Pey and Fey week. We are going to build building a pil (an elephant), playing klas (hopscotch) with letters, vowels and words, learning some more Chanukkah songs, trying to make falafel for our "restaurant" and working on our Hebrew numbers. As always, we will celebrate Shabbat together and learn the continuation of Kol HaOlam Kulo, a song that we started working on last week. Next week, I will also be doing assessments on letters and vowels. Please make sure to review the letters every night as this review is so crucial especially as more and more letters come into the mix. Thanks in advance for all of your support.

Shabbat Shalom,

Daniella