



## ***Aleph Preschool Newsletter***

**March 29, 2019**

**Candle Lighting:** 6:53 Pm

**Science:** Science Experiment "Pencil Arrows"

**Math:** Counting using flash cards 1-30, counting numbers on calendar counting petals

**Art:** Letter Y, Self portrait, Paper plate flower art painting, Tissue paper flower art, Bubble wrap painting

**Judaic Circle:** Davening, Hebrew letters flash cards, Shul visit with kiddush on grape juice, learning parsha with Rabbi Levi

**Outdoor:** riding bikes, bounce balls, climbing the wall, gardening, playdough, Easel Painting

**Academic:** Letter Y words that start with Y, Y sound, Landmarks, Mrs. Phyllis reading story time, parts of a flower

**Cooking:** Salad- with tomatoes, cucumbers and fresh herbs

Aleph Preschool has welcomed the Spring Season! This week we started working on our spring Flower crafts so much fun, our classroom was filled with flowers and flower art centered crafts as well. Students made lovely paper plate flowers using a mixture of paint. If you look on our windows you will see their artistic creations hanging up. **Daniella** took her time mixing the colors she wanted to make her flower, she was so thrilled with her finished product at the end. Here is a twist we wanted to be a little more creative, so we used bubble wrapping paper the students painted on the bubble wrap and boy was that an experience for them! A different type of texture to feel, pop and paint on, they were giggling throughout the process trying to not press too hard so as to avoid the "POP". **Devorah** loves to color, she takes her time and definitely does not rush the process. The tissue paper flowers came out so beautiful each unique and creatively detailed in its own way.

We have a set of flower flash cards which we made, and we will be working on those cards with our students. Students will be introduced to the various types of flowers. As you may well be aware, most children can only recognize a "rose" or a "sunflower" but what we are attempting to do is to expand their horizon have them be able to recognize more than just your basic flower. Of course this is all going to take place with time, and in a fun filled learning experience so that each student can enjoy the process. Also as you know, each month represents a different type of flower. This being said, we are taking each of your children's birthday months and linking them to the flower of that particular month! This is one fun way that your child is learning about a new flower and will not forget it since it is linked to his or her birthday month. For one, **Sara** is super excited for

April's "Lilly". Now we are aware that there are 12 months in a year, that your child's birthday could possibly be in Winter or Fall. Have no worries at all, we are going to be going over the 12 months of the year, and link a flower to each month so in turn your child will learn about the flower of their birth month and learn in the process about another



flower. How fun does this sound?! We are excited and so are our students and we will also be doing a lot of gardening, planting flowers as well. We have already started but we are excited to announce that we will be planting some colorful flowers real soon!

Having had such beautiful weather this week, our students enjoyed playing outdoors riding the bikes and climbing on the structures. They even enjoyed having their snack and lunch a few times outside this week! **Phoenix** and **Avi** had a blast riding **Avi's** bike down the small hill in the yard. Their sharing skills have come a long way and have improved immensely great job boys!



For cooking this week we made salad, **Jaden** had a field day slicing up his veggies and **Ariella** enjoyed slicing her tomatoes and eating them after. **Moshe** sliced his tomatoes very small and was took out the seeds after, he carefully examined them.

In our academic department this week we learned about the letter Y. Y for Yellow and Y for Yak. They enjoyed working on their letter Y artwork, it is quiet a hands on learning experience for them. It makes learning their letters fun and exciting when a touch of art is involved. **Yosef** was especially excited learning the Y letter sound and discussing about various words which begin with Y, since his name begins with the letter Y it made it all the more exciting for him! We even learned about the parts of a flower; Stem, leaves and petals. **Mirel** enjoyed plucking the petals of the pink rose, being that Pink is her favorite

color. **Paige** smelled all the flowers before plucking the petals and she did such a great job sorting the parts of the flowers into the correct jar!

Our science experiment this week was "Pencil Arrows". It involved pencils replicating arrows, so no, no "arrows" were used in this science experiment it was safe and fun! The students filled their ziploc bags with water, and with the aid of a teacher used a sharpened pencil to puncture a hole through the ziploc bag. In turn they observed how the sharpened pencil went through the ziploc without tearing the bag and making a mess. Once the pencil punctured through the ziploc bag and came out from the other side without leaking or spilling the students were in complete "awe", the looks on their faces simply said it all! **Avi** and **Phoenix** were jumping up and down excitedly saying, "wow", "that's cool". It was a pretty mind boggling science experiment which its safe to say teachers and students were blown away by it!



Moving on, Thursday we had Mrs. Phyllis come in and read various stories to our students. They were excited to see Mrs. Phyllis. "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" was the name of the story she read to them, she even brought alphabet stickers and had the students look for the letters in their name! **Avi**, **Sara**, **Yosef** and **Phoenix** spelled out their names using the alphabet stickers they all had a blast. Thank you Mrs. Phyllis for always making story time fun and exciting for our students!

*Shabbat Shalom From the Aleph Team, Mrs. Naomi, Mrs. Rona, Mrs. Anushka*