

Class Update - Preschool Sept. 2010

During the September 12th Sunday School session, the class and I focused on learning about Sunday School, the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur holidays, and getting to know each other a little bit.

First we did some drawing: a Rosh Hashanah coloring page, and a picture of our families to help us get acquainted with each other. Then we read two books: Engineer Ari and the Rosh Hashanah Ride, which taught the students about a few different Rosh Hashanah symbols, like apples, honey, and a shofar, and the concept of "making things right." Then we read the book The Lion Dancer, which is a story about the Chinese New Year. We talked about how different cultures had different celebrations for the new year. Then we made our own shofars, and each child took a turn creating a New Year's dance, and teaching the other children the steps.

We had apples and honey for snack. We sat in a circle and talked about hopes for the new year, and how we would each work on being good helpers in our families in the coming year.

We sang "Zum Gali, Gali," with hand motions many of the children had learned and remembered from last year. This was a real favorite. We talked about the Hebrew word Shalom, and how it means Hello, Good-bye and Peace. Finally, we were able to have a little time on the playground, and enjoy the beautiful day, before we said Shalom to each other until next week.