



Preschool Monthly Themes 2018 - 2019

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>September</b></p> <p><u>Beginning of year:</u> getting to know each other and our classroom, rules and routines, health and safety procedures, class bonding activities :)</p> <p><u>Rosh Hashana:</u> apples, pomegranates and exotic fruits, bees/hives/honey, shofar, calendar/cycle of the year.</p> <p><u>Yom Kippur:</u> making good choices, saying sorry for mistakes, prayer, going to Synagogue.</p> <p><u>Sukkot/Simchat Torah:</u> building/construction, sukkah, Lulav/Etrog, the gifts of Torah, Biblical heroes, Mitzvot, Hebrew letters.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>February</b></p> <p><u>Animals:</u> land and water habitats, animal adaptations, tame versus wild, animal coverings: fur/feathers/scales, endangered species, what animals eat, how animals communicate, how animals help us.</p> <p><u>Bugs:</u> insect types, insect body parts, insect habitats, insect life cycles, insect sounds, the role of bugs in the ecosystem.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>October</b></p> <p><u>All about me:</u> our bodies, our five senses, feelings and emotions, our names, our families, self-expression, growing up, taking care of ourselves.</p> <p><u>Community:</u> manners and courtesy, working together, taking care of each other, our school community, our neighborhood, the people who work in our town.</p> <p><u>Fall:</u> changes in the environment, leaf exploration, migration, hibernation, cycle of the seasons.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>March</b></p> <p><u>Purim:</u> puppetry and theatre arts, kings/queens and castles, instruments: wind/percussion/string, graggers and other non-traditional instruments, orchestras and bands, costumes and masks, Megillah, Hamentashen, Mishloach Manot.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>November</b></p> <p><u>Thanksgiving:</u> being thankful, learning from other cultures and ways of life, Native American culture, harvest foods, map of the United States, American flag, preschool Thanksgiving feast.</p> <p><u>Shabbat:</u> Shabbat traditions, being a guest and being a host, days of the week, days of creation, Shabbat blessings and songs.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>April</b></p> <p><u>Pesach:</u> Matzah and bread, Seder plate, steps of the Haggadah, the Four Questions, slavery versus freedom.</p> <p><u>Spring:</u> Bulbs/buds/blossoms, flowers and flowering trees, rain and the water cycle, new animal and insect life during the spring, weather and temperature changes.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>December</b></p> <p><u>Chanukah:</u> standing up for what you believe, it's okay to be different, Dreidle, Menorah, the properties of oil and wax, sources of light, giving and receiving gifts, latkes/donuts.</p> <p><u>Food:</u> nutrition, food groups, digestion, different tastes, food sources, food processing, blessings over food, international foods, spices.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>May</b></p> <p><u>Transportation:</u> land/air/water vehicles, roads and streets, traffic signs, safety, places we go.</p> <p><u>World:</u> maps, the globe, ways of life in other places, the solar system, being a part of a global community.</p> <p><u>Israel:</u> sites and cities, flag, Magen David, Hebrew.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>January</b></p> <p><u>Winter:</u> weather and temperature, plants and animals in the winter, snowflakes, ice and frost, winter sports and activities, the Arctic.</p> <p><u>Tu B'Shvat:</u> tree types, tree parts, seeds, things we get from trees, caring for trees, forests, trees through the seasons.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>June</b></p> <p><u>Shavuot:</u> receiving the Torah, responsibility of Mitzvot, being humble.</p> <p><u>End of year:</u> how we've grown, things we've learned, memories from the year, yearbook, graduation, moving onto another class or school.</p>