



Zimmer Preschool

A Peek Into Our Classroom Young Toddlers

Learning Through Dramatic Play

We experience the holiday with many hands on activities. Through this avenue we are exposed to some of the practices we do on this holiday - practices like eating matzah, pouring and drinking grape juice, reading the Passover story in the Haggadah book and having a Seder meal together with our friends and family.

A very important aspect of play is our interactions we have with each other. Imagine some of the dialogue that happened between the children. Imagine the vocabulary we communicated with each other. Imagine the cooperation and social skills we are learning by working together.



Making our matzah bag was a new and exciting art activity. The children first squeezed wet paper towels onto the fabric and then added different color tissue papers. It was interesting to see how the colors bled onto the material, decorating our very own Passover matzah bag.



SKILLS:



New vocabulary word put into practice. These pictures show **big and small**. We can use these cards to play two different ways. Here Aiden is **matching** the similar images and placing the big and small items next to each other. Another way we have played in class is by **grouping** all the small images and all the big images together.



We enjoy **counting** and singing number songs. Now we are working on activities that show that numbers have value. Here we are looking at the picture and counting **one-to-one correspondence**, where each image has a value.



The power of observation skills. Matzah is hard and flat. We placed the matzah on the discovery table to encourage the children to use their **senses** to learn more about it. We could feel its texture, notice its colors, smell its aroma, listen to see if it makes sounds when we crunch on it or when we break it.

Sensory & Motor Experience. One thing we enjoyed doing with our fingers was **breaking** the matzah, crumbling it into little pieces. **Grasping** the small pieces which soon turn even smaller after breaking it is a good **fine motor muscle skill** - and a fun thing to do!



We each set our table for Passover. In our Passover Haggadah there is a page that concentrates on **visual spatial orientation**. We have learned new vocabulary associated to the holiday and used these items and they use these things to set the table.