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Virtual Preschool has been focusing on Shavuot – the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai on the sixth day of the Hebrew month of Sivan. Using materials from PJ library we read books including:

Cheesecake for Shavuot — shows how school children in Israel plant wheat and harvest it for the crust of the cheesecake, used for the tradition of eating dairy on Shavuot.

The Ten Golden Rules — reviews the Ten Commandments, adapted for children.

Sadie and the Big Mountain — discusses how, when we may be uncomfortable facing a difficult goal, our families, teachers, and rabbis are here to help and guide us. What a sense of accomplishment we feel, once a perceived obstacle is overcome and a goal reached!

The Littlest Mountain — tells a story in which various mountains try to outdo each other to be chosen by God as the place for the Torah to be given to the Israelite people. Mt. Sinai never tries to make itself more than it is. Confidence is a good thing, but so is humility. Adapted from “The Contest of the Mountains,” a legend in the Midrash (Bereshit Rabbah 99:1)

We have also learned about some bugs we may see in our backyard: caterpillars, ladybugs, bees, dragonflies, and fireflies.

The Early Learning Center’s last day of school is Friday, June 5.

We will miss our students over the summer and are looking forward to seeing what next year brings.

L’shalom, Tammy Labonté



ELC students are proud to share the insects they created at home!



Registration now open for the fall 2020 - 2021 preschool program

Information about the Early Learning Center can also be found on the Temple website: www.templeisraelnh.org, or by calling Tammy Labonté at 603-380-5589 or emailing me at preschool.director@templeisraelnh.org.

The ELC is a unique preschool in the seacoast area, the only place Jewish values, traditions, and celebrations are integrated into everyday activities and learning. Jewish holidays are woven into the curriculum along with language arts, science, math, art, music, and movement. We provide numerous enrichment activities within the classroom and community.

Due to COVID-19 mitigation requirements, the ELC expects to limit class size next school year.