

# JPS Celebrates our Sixth Summer

By Beverly Wakefield

We kicked off our first day of camp May 31. This is our second summer operating a full summer program and our sixth summer of camp in total. Our goal for our JPS campers is for every child to have fun. To our counselors and teachers, thank you for providing opportunities for our campers to grow, develop and express themselves creatively through play. It is a pleasure to walk into the classrooms and feel the energy of our counselors and the excitement of our campers.

Camp is a time of making new friends and building on established relationships. Morah Jayme continued to develop a love and appreciation of Judaism in her classroom through prayers, songs, and circle time. In celebration of Simchat Torah, Rabbi Groner visited and showed our campers the parts of the Torah and we danced around the Torah. The entire school participated in a Torah parade. Strollers, wagons, and trikes were all decorated with streamers. Challah making and baking was every Friday so every child had challah to take home for Shabbat.

Enrichment classes also supported our campers. Ms. Wanda visited as a scientist. She encouraged our campers to explore and observe the world around them. Ms. Kate visited and outfitted our girl campers with party hats and the boys with ties for a proper tea party. They sipped on tea and ate cookies with their napkins in their laps. They now know how to make a cup of tea. Ms. Kate also made an appearance on one of our Wacky Wednesdays. She also came in sunglasses, entertained us by reading *Pete, the Cat and His Magic Sunglasses*. Every Tuesday was water day at camp. The campers got to play outside in the sprinklers. Morah Jayme spent time sharing the importance of water safety in the pool with our campers. Ms. Debby came and she made story time so much fun for all of us, and our infants especially enjoyed music with Ms. Holly. We were also able to have a representative from the Charlotte Police Department talk with our campers about bike and public safety. As you can see, we have been very busy.

We conclude our summer experience on August 24 with an ice cream social with our campers, counselors and family members. We hope your child has been continuously enriched. Thank you JPS team for another successful and fun filled summer. ✧



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