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The Richest Man פרשת וישלח

In this week's parsha, Yaakov and Eisav meet up after being apart for a long time. In order to appease Eisav, who was still upset about Yaakov taking the brachos, Yaakov offers him a gift. Eisav turns it down and says, "I have a lot." Yaakov then pleads with Eisav to accept his present, and he tells Eisav that "Hashem has given me everything."

Notice the differentiation between the language of Yaakov and Eisav. What is the difference between claiming that you have a lot and claiming that you have everything?

The Chafetz Chaim explains that Eisav felt that he had an abundance of wealth, however he was not satisfied with what he had and he still wanted more. Yaakov, on the other hand, was content with whatever Hashem had given him, and he therefore he felt like he had everything.

Rav Elya Lopian explains this concept with the following mashal: A person says to his friend, "Come and I will show you some expensive things that I just bought." He opens a cabinet and shows his friend that it is full of medicine. He explains that the

doctor told him that he has to take this special medicine and it is very costly and nobody else in the city has it. Meanwhile the friend is thinking to himself, "Boy am I glad I don't need this stuff!"

Someone who is satisfied with what Hashem has given him is not bothered when others seem to have more material possessions. Since he realizes that Hashem gives him everything he needs, he doesn't feel that he is lacking. The more someone appreciates that which he has, the closer he will come to feeling like Yaakov, as though he really has *everything!*

Morah Devoiry

Mordechai, Avi, Eli and

Yehuda are learning to **count by 5's**, and they are having lots of fun doing it. Each day one boy is given the job to add a popsicle stick to our chart, and then we count the lines. 1,2,3,4 and make a tally at number 5. Our goal is to reach #100, so we need 20 tallies to get there. As of this week, we are half way through. We glued on the 50th popsicle stick = 10 tallies!



Morah Roizy

Yisroel Yaakov, Yehuda and

Chaim are super-duper mathematicians! They have mastered their "3" facts and know their "4's" quite well too. Congratulations, Yehuda on winning the "math maze!" Keep up the great work! Hooray for Dovid!

He can jump over 100 jumps on the trampoline.





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Morah Rivky

Our class is working very hard on mastering **Dr. Harry Wachs' program** of thinking in our movement. *Shuey, Nossan Tzvi* and *Yosef Tzvi* have all become pros at doing the cross-legged walk, frontward and backward. Now we are working on the wheelbarrow! Keep up the great work!



Morah Mimi

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new student, *Yenty*. *Yenty* loves her new school. She is learning many life skills that bring out the best in her. One of the highlights of our day is when the **ABC Man** comes to visit. He surprises us with a new letter every other day. At first *Yenty* did not like getting her hands dirty when drawing on the **foamy tray**. After her friend *Tzivia* showed her how much fun it can be, *Yenty* reconsidered. *Tzivia* demonstrated that



when she is done with the messy foam, she can wipe her hands clean. Now *Yenty* is having a ball with it, too.



Morah Sara

This past Wednesday, we had a **fire drill**. On Monday, *Nitti* accidentally heard about the fire drill, yet he overcame his *Yetzer Hara* and did not tell anyone about it. He knew that if he told the younger boys, they would be frightened and they wouldn't be able to learn the rest of the day. All the children remained calm while waiting outside for the drill to be completed. We are proud of their beautiful behavior.



Yaakov is learning the **multiplication tables**. He knows how to multiply numbers by 1-5, but his favorite way to multiply is by 10s, because he knows the Magic 10 trick!



Morah Tziri

Nitti is doing an amazing job in *Kriah*. He is now reading *Kapitel Ches* in *Tehillim*. We are proud of the way *Nitti* works hard to write his Hebrew Script letters perfectly in the lines. Keep up the great work, *Nitti*!

