

## Preschool... The Anshai Torah Preschool Difference



We have had a very successful Summer! Our campers were busy, happy and engaged. Our specialty activities are always a hit, but this year we added theme-focused exploration in math, science, cooking and gardening. Our summer staff, featuring several of the Congregation's high school and college students, made our 10-week summer program soar. They are responsible, enthusiastic and—most of all—fun! As we say to our kids, pat your back and give yourself a Kol HaKavod for a job well done!

In preparation for the 2016-17 school year, we organized, brainstormed and secured new staff. Each staff member took 7-9 hours of continuing education over the summer on various topics focusing on special needs, Texas Guidelines, curricular development, documentation and family involvement. Our in-service week focused on new programs, ideas and implementation strategies. We worked as teams, in clusters and by classroom to make the first day of preschool and all its subsequent days as perfect as possible.

Our Welcome Events, led by our PTO President Stephanie Kufert, were a resounding success. We hosted a Back-to-School Bash at Safari Run, and The Welchers opened their home for a Welcome Back Coffee. We extended a heartfelt *Howdy* to 12 new families and 3 new staff members: Soshi Bar, Heather Rey and Dana Waknin. The PTO Welcome Wagon made sure that everyone felt at home in our Congregation Anshai Torah preschool family.

The Anshai Torah Preschool staff is loving, dedicated and talented. Come see us in action--you will be amazed!

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