

TEMPLE EMANUEL ECDC

EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF LEARNING!

It was wonderful to be back together for in-person learning this month. The work that classes did during our period of school closure allowed them to hit the ground running and it has been a busy, engaging and joyful month of learning at ECDC.



TU B'SHVAT CELEBRATIONS

The "Birthday of the Trees" is a wonderful opportunity to talk about the environment and how things grow.

THE ABCS AND 123S OF ECDC

Learn more about how ECDC educators embed standards-based learning into our Reggio Emilia-inspired program.

KEEPING CONNECTED WITH ECDCONNECT

For families not yet ready to return to in-person learning, our ECDCConnect program has offered children and families a virtual option.



Happy Birthday, Trees!

Tu B'shvat is a holiday that urges us to care for the world. The holiday has become a tree-planting festival in Israel, in which Israelis and Jews around the world plant trees in honor or in memory of loved ones and friends. Tu B'shvat falls in the middle of winter in North America, but in Israel, the holiday occurs in the spring. It is customary on Tu B'shvat to eat a variety of fruits, especially fruits that comes from the Land of Israel.

At ECDC, the children listened to stories and sang songs related to the holiday. Classroom activities focused on the importance of trees and taking care of the environment. Children were given the opportunity to explore and taste a variety of fruits including kiwis, mangoes and clementines. The children created beautiful works of art using both traditional materials and "upcycled" objects. Across the school, children planted parsley. We look forward to watching it grow in the coming weeks!

We hope you and your family will join us for assembly each week on Friday at 1pm. You can access our virtual assembly on Temple's Facebook page.

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THE ABCS AND 123S OF ECDC



In Transition, the children created a miniature greenhouse of their plantings. They'll be able to observe growth over the coming weeks and months.

3.1 PK.A.2 Identify basic needs of plants and animals.



In a 3s class, the children participated in a series of investigations around snow. Here, the children created baking soda and water snowmen and then melted them with vinegar in a spray bottle.

3.2 PK.A.3 Notice change in matter.



In a 4s class, the children wondered if they could paint with ice. They were able to observe changes in matter as the ice melted to create beautiful paintings.

3.2 PK.A.6 Participate in simple investigations of matter.



Keeping Connected with ECDCConnect

For families who were not ready to return for in-person learning, our ECDCConnect team of Shelly Schapiro, Mike Bihary, Megan Criswell and specialists Rebecca Closson and Michelle Dreyfuss created a program of one-on-one sessions and group meetings. ECDCConnect has provided individualized learning opportunities for the children and joyful weekly gatherings. In the photo above, the children created a virtual "Art Gallery" by holding up creations from their Atelier-to-go bags. In this most unusual year, we are so grateful to be able to continue to serve these families and to delight in the wit and wisdom of the children.

Calendar Reminders

February 15th
No School
President's Day

Week of
February 15th
Parent-Teacher
Conferences

