

TEMPLE EMANUEL ECDC

EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF LEARNING!

The days are getting brighter and the weather is getting warmer, but even in the depths of winter our classrooms are aglow with the warmth of community and friendship. Read on to see how our classrooms were enriched with creativity, exploration and celebration throughout the month of February.



CELEBRATING PURIM AT ECDC

The children and educators at ECDC worked together to create a fun Purim carnival experience for our classes.

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

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MATANOT LA'EYONIM

To mark the holiday of Purim, our ECDC community collected nonperishable food and goods for the pantry at SHIM.

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ECDC Celebrates Purim!

During the holiday of Purim we recount the story of brave Queen Esther who saved the Jews of Persia from destruction. At ECDC we talk about courage and standing up for what's right. Purim is also a time for festive parties, costumes and silly plays.

The children participated in a Purim carnival with games and activities designed by our students and educators. The children had fun playing musical chairs, bowling, taking a picture at Transition's Photo Booth and more! In the classrooms we read Purim stories, designed crowns and costumes, made groggers for shaking and ate hamantaschen cookies.

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



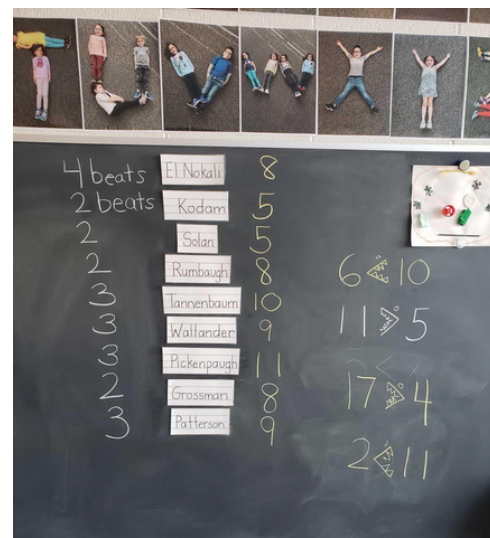
In a 2s class, the educators incorporated shape and color learning into their Purim celebrations. Here they hold up colorful triangular paper hamantaschen.

2.3 PK.A.1 Identify and describe shapes.



In a 3s class, the children sorted objects by color using tongs. This activity combined fine motor development with mathematical concepts.

2.4 PK.A.4 Classify objects and count the number of objects in each category.



In a 4s class, the children counted and compared the syllables in their last names. This work combined mathematical skills with prereading skills.

2.1 PK.A.3 Compare numbers.



Matanot La'evyonim: Gifts for SHIM for Purim

Thank you to the families, educators and ECDC community members who contributed to our food drive for SHIM: South Hills Interfaith Movement. What a wonderful way to enrich our Purim celebrations by performing the mitzvah of Matanot La'evyonim. Before we deliver the items to SHIM, classes will count and sort what we've collected. Details to come! Thank you to educator Shelly Schapiro for inspiring this project.

Calendar Reminders

March 15th
No School
Professional
Development Day

March 29-April 5
Spring Break

