

TEMPLE EMANUEL ECDC

EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF LEARNING!

We are so happy to welcome children and families back to ECDC. The children are adjusting to school rhythms and routines, building friendships and learning in engaging and meaningful ways. We are excited to share this window into our classrooms.



HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

September was a busy month of Jewish holidays! Throughout the school our classes found a variety of ways to celebrate the season.

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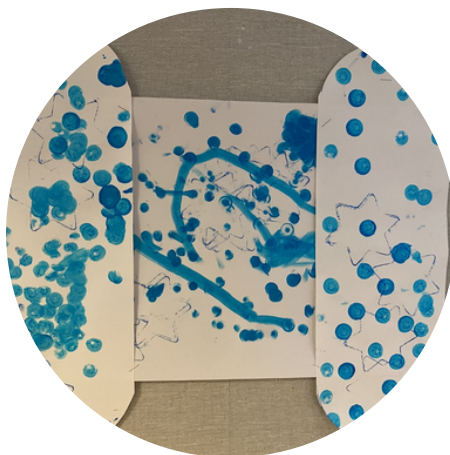
Learn more about how ECDC educators embed standards-based learning into our Reggio Emilia-inspired program.

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CLAY DAYS IN THE ATELIER

Ms. Dreyfuss, ECDC's Atelierista (Art Educator) welcomed children to the Atelier to work with clay.

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Fall Holidays at ECDC!

September was busy with holidays: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah! Each of these holidays gave educators and children an opportunity to discuss not only how we celebrate or mark these occasions, but also the important lessons and values each holiday has to teach us. Rosh Hashanah made us think about goals for a new year and Yom Kippur had us reflecting on the importance of saying "I'm sorry." Sukkot is a joyful holiday that asks us to consider who we would welcome into our Sukkah. And finally, Simchat Torah is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our favorite stories and why we love to read them again and again, just as we do the Torah.

Looking to get involved at ECDC?
Consider joining our Parent Teacher Partnership (PTP). The PTP supports our school through fundraising, teacher appreciation efforts and community building. It's also a wonderful way to get to know other ECDC families!



THE ABCS AND 123S OF ECDC



In a 4s class, the children used tongs to move pom-poms to match the value written. This activity combined numeracy with fine motor work.

2.1 PK.A.2 Count to tell the number of objects.



In a 3s class, the children listened to a story about fall and shared their favorite foods made from apples.

1.3 PK.K With prompting and support, actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.



In Transition, the children worked to create their own self portraits. They gave attention to the details of their eyes, hair and eyebrow colors.

9.1.V PK.B Combine a variety of materials to create a work of art.



All students at ECDC participate in biweekly music experiences with our music educator, Rebecca Closson.

9.1.M PK.B Respond to different types of music and dance through participation and discussion.



In a 2s class, the children explored the playground, challenging their gross motor skills and encouraging social connection.

10.4 PK.B Exhibit balance while moving on the ground or using equipment.



In our Mindfulness Let's Explore class, the children practiced yoga.

10.2 PK.A Identify fundamental practices for good health.



IN THE ATELIER WITH MS. DREYFUSS

"As a welcome back gift, I have invited each class to the Atelier to play with clay. We began by reviewing where clay comes from and how we make it into bowls that we can use (put it in a kiln). The children passed around pottery so that they could feel the difference between the soft clay we were playing with and the finished pieces of pottery. Many children find working with clay to be almost meditative. There is something calming about the sensory feel of the clay. There is no direction about what to make or even if the children have to make anything. Some just like to smooth it out, roll it, or crumble it up. Many of the children love to give their clay "a drink" so that it will become softer and more workable. Finally, I have the children help me prepare the clay for storage by making it into a cube, putting a hole in the top, and filling it with water (one of the most favorite parts). It is wonderful to see the children remain engaged for a good 30 minutes with their clay and the stories they tell about their clay structures. All in all, the children have learned from experience that it is fun to have dirty clay hands!"



RABBI AARON VISITS ECDC

Each month Rabbi Aaron Meyer of Temple Emanuel will visit our classrooms to talk about Jewish values and Jewish holidays. This month, Rabbi Aaron talked about the value of *Hachnasat Orchim*--welcoming guests.

Did you know that ECDC has 5 Fundamental Values?

- Kavod-Respect
- Tzedakah-Sharing with Others
- Kehillah-Community
- Hachnasat Orchim-Welcoming
- Simchat Limud-Joy of Learning



Calendar Reminders

October 11

No School:
Professional
Development Day