

# TEMPLE EMANUEL ECDC

## EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF LEARNING!

October was a wonderful month of learning, community and friendships for the children at ECDC. Many classrooms explored pumpkins and fall leaves. Others continued to learn more about members of our classroom communities by discussing the people in our families and what makes each of us unique and special. Enjoy this peek inside our classrooms!



### EXPLORING THE CHANGING SEASONS

October brought beautiful changes outside and enriching fall explorations to our classrooms.

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### THE ABCS AND 123S OF ECDC

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

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### INTRODUCING MUSART!

Ms. Dreyfuss and Mrs. Closson are collaborating on a new offering combining music and visual arts.

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## Exploring the Changing Seasons

October has brought a great deal of change to our outdoor spaces. Our windows give us a beautiful view of the colorful trees that surround our school. The children have shared stories of how their homes have been decorated for the season. In our Reggio-inspired school, our environments change and adapt to meet the needs and interests of the children. Across our classrooms the children have explored leaves, investigated the plants and animals found on our playground, read texts and learned songs about the season of autumn.

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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! Email [thanksecdc@gmail.com](mailto:thanksecdc@gmail.com) for more info!



# THE ABCS AND 123S OF ECDC



Students in our Kindergarten Enrichment class worked together to make slime. They followed a recipe and used tools to measure ingredients.

*3.2 PK.A.3 Notice change in matter.*



In a 3s class, the children and educators worked together to build a new easel for their classroom.

*5.2 PK.C Identify classroom projects/activities that support leadership and service.*



In Transition, the children worked to create their own author's chair. This beautiful piece will be used when the children share their work with their classmates.

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



In our Let's Explore: Around the World class the children explored a world map. Each week they travel to a new destination!

*7.1 PK.A Explain how a map is a representation of places.*



Students used colorful scarves to dance to a piece of music with Mrs. Closson.

*9.1.M PK.E Use imagination and creativity to express self through music and dance.*



In our Let's Explore: Mindfulness class the children read The Pout-Pout Fish and made their own "dancing" fish.

*1.2 PK.C With prompting and support, make connections between information in a text and personal experience.*



## "MUSART" WITH MS. DREYFUSS AND MRS. CLOSSON

What happens when you blend art and music into one unique classroom experience? A joyous mix of sound, movement, and creativity result! ECDC Atelierista, Mrs. Dreyfuss and Music Educator, Mrs. Closson wondered what would happen if we explored a wide sample of music genres and styles - fast, slow, agitated, sleepy, and even silly - and let the music travel down through our arms, hands, bellies, legs and feet to explore gross motor movements together. We then took that creative inspiration with us to the art room where the music became more "colorful" movement, traveling from our ears and down our arms through a mix of crayons to joyously put our ideas to paper and give special attention to our fine motor skills. As we discovered, if your crayon is dancing across the paper to the music, then your body is probably wiggling right along with it! We laughed, and danced, and learned together as the music came to life right before our eyes.



## ECDC GIVES BACK: COAT DRIVE FOR SHIM

As you change over to winter clothing, have you noticed that your children have outgrown last year's winter gear? Your gently used outerwear can support local children this winter.

Join our efforts to provide coats and outerwear to SHIM's Clothing Closet. Did you know SHIM provides 2,500 clothing and small household items to South Hills neighbors each year? Operating Mondays from 10am-1pm each week, SHIM provides free clothing for infants, children, and adults all year round.

Gather your gently used winter outerwear and bring it to ECDC November 8th-12th!

Want to learn more about SHIM's important work? Visit their website: [shimcares.org](http://shimcares.org).



## Calendar Reminders

### November 2

No School:  
Election Day

### November 24-26

No School:  
Thanksgiving