

# 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.



## IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE ECDC NEIGHBORHOOD

Children in our 4s classes are learning their addresses, phone numbers, and getting creative!

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## THE ABCS AND 123S OF ECDC

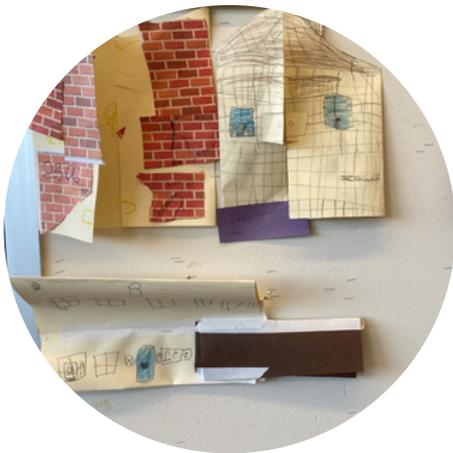
Learn more about how ECDC educators embed standards-based learning into our Reggio Emilia-inspired program.

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## PROPOGATION STATIONS

Find out how educators and children worked together to infuse our ECDC gym with science learning opportunities!

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## It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood!

One aspect of Kindergarten Readiness for our 4 and 5 year-olds is learning one's phone number and address. At ECDC, we want to make this learning meaningful and exciting for the children. Rather than teaching these concepts by rote, we embed this learning into the life of the classroom. This month, many of our 4s classes learned their addresses and, in the process, created neighborhood murals, drew portraits of their homes, and sent themselves letters to understand one reason it's important to know your home address.



# THE ABCS AND 123S OF ECDC



In a 4s class, children combined fine motor practice with literacy learning by constructing their names from playdough.

*10.5 PK.A Use hands, fingers, and wrists to manipulate objects.*



In a 3s class, the children used the climbing wall on a cold day. The gym is a great place to practice gross motor skills when the weather doesn't allow us to get outside.

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



Across our classrooms, sensory bins allow children to practice their fine motor skills.

*10.5 PK.C Use tools that require use of fingers, hands, and/or wrists to accomplish a task.*



## Propagation Stations: Science Learning in the ECDC Gym

This month children and educators worked together to create "Propagation Stations:" a dedicated spot to grow roots on the cuttings of our plants.

Many plants can root in dirt or in water- you can cut of a piece of your plant and when it is in the water it will begin to grow roots. Once the roots have grown to about 1/3 the size of the original cutting, you can either plant them in dirt or let the roots continue to grow in the propagation station. It is fascinating to see how roots grow and spread--a process we don't usually see since it occurs underground.

## Calendar Reminders

March 11th  
No School  
Professional  
Development Day

