

# Early Learning Center

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## **Shanah Tovah to all!**

The Early Learning Center came back for the 5779 - 5780 (2019 – 2020) school year on September 4, 2019. Welcome back and shalom to our returning and new families. The children have

settled well into the class and are making new and renewing old

friendships with their peers. The new children are adjusting nicely to the Montessori environment and are eager to investigate all the materials.



**Students love the new science shelf! Here they observe the effects of bases & acids on apple slices.**

The children have been spending time learning about the upcoming High Holiday of Rosh Hashanah. We have learned that Rosh Hashanah means “the head of the year.” We have also learned about the mitzvot for Rosh Hashanah, such as eating apples and honey for a sweet new year, why the challah is round and that this is the time to celebrate the creation of the world and be thankful! The children have created Happy New Year/ Shanah Tovah cards for our families and community.

The ELC has our Rosh Hashanah box out and some children have been setting up the materials and blowing the shofar to bring in the New Year.

We went to our first Grand Pals visit at the Wentworth Home and were read a book about Johnny Appleseed. After the story we sat with our Grand Pal friends and

made our own apples using paper plates. We always have so much fun and bring smiles and laughter to our Grand Pal friends!

Thank you, Elissa Kaplan Senter, for coming and teaching the ELC children about the different maracas you own and teaching us the Mr. Tov song!

L’shalom,

Tammy  
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**Enjoying the playground.  
Thanks to Joanne Samuels  
for organizing the new mulch  
delivery!**



**Blowing the shofar.**