## Early Learning Center



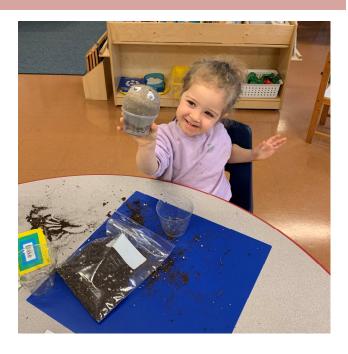
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During the month of January, the students of the ELC learned about Tu Bi-Shvat, affectionately known as the birthday of the trees. The children learned about all the ways trees are valuable to us, the animals, and the world. We also talked about only using materials and resources that are

necessary and recycling whenever possible.

In the classroom, we feed extra bits of snack and lunch to our bin of composting worms. The rich soil the worms are producing will be used in the spring when we plant in our garden boxes located in the playground.

We also enjoyed a visit from Avia Sagron, our Israeli *shlicha*. Avia came and spoke with the children about what Tu Bi-Shvat is like in Israel, with the beautiful blossoms of the almond trees. Avia also brought us kits to make grass heads (chia heads),



which the students had great fun creating. They took their projects home to water and will watch the seeds sprout and grow!

We finished our celebration of Tu Bi-Shvat with a bubble party in the Social Hall.

L'shalom, Tammy Roberge





