

Early Learning Center



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Shalom,
February was mostly a cold month, but the ELC enjoyed a few days of snow play on our playground. One of the objectives of early childhood education is to prompt children's imaginations by asking them to take an item used for a specific purpose and find a different

purposeful way to use it. The children certainly did this, using our teeter-totter as a snow slide. They also created a snowperson, with their teachers contributing a scarf and hat.

We visited the Wentworth Senior Living Home for our Grand Pals Program. It is always so much fun to see the children interact with the residents and show their abilities to be *menschen*.

The Portsmouth Recreation Department invited the ELC to create love- and friendship-themed decorations for the evergreen in Market Square.

We created paper hands holding a heart, with two fingers folded down to say "I love you" in sign language, along with our classroom motto, ***One World One Love.***

If the weather is nice, take a walk downtown and see the paper hand cutouts waving in the breeze.

We are starting to learn about Purim and the Megillat of Esther. On March 9, Laura Sher will join us to bake hamantaschen with the students. The ELC also loves Fridays with Rabba Kaya. She is teaching us some holiday songs and a dance to be performed at the Purim family celebration on March 17.

Tammy and the ELC team (Elian, Laura, Steve, & Amy)

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Photos, below left: snow play in the playground. Right: reading a story with our Grand Pals.

