

Dear Families,

Last week I wrote about the elementary hallway displays. This week I carefully looked at the displays in the preschool hallway. Displays include challah making, shadows, human body, homes from around the world, inventions, a bat's life cycle, trees, winter, vegetables, seeds and plants. The breadth of variety in class topics is indicative of CJDS' ability to cover early learning standards through the children's interests. I believe that in preschool, the content of a class study should have four general components; connection to a student's life, a component of the topic should be a physical object that can be explored, the topic should spark multiple questions and, when possible, the topic should connect to an issue that advocates for a better world (in a simple example the idea of winter can lead to a conversation of not every person owning a winter jacket and the mitzvah to help people in need). I also note that the displays include areas related to physical, social, emotional and cognitive development. If you have time please take a moment to look at the great work in the preschool hallway.

Dates:

March 21st Jewish holiday of Purim celebration in school (more details about this holiday in next week's update).

News and Notes:

We have filled at least one of each of our younger preschool classes for next year. We are now considering opening a second class for one or two-year-old children. Please help us spread the word to families that have young preschool children.

One of our former students and current after care providers, Ms. Lilly Coveney is available to babysit. Her number is 803-553-1688.

Health Update:

It seems the cases of the flu continue to decrease in the school but we will still maintain extra cleaning and sanitizing procedures over the weekend. We also remind everyone about extra handwashing. It is a good idea to wash your child's hands when they come to the classrooms. Of course, we will also be washing hands with extra diligence.

Infants	Two out with fever
Ones	All well
Twos	One out with a fever.
Threes	Two out with a stomach virus.
Fours	All well.
K	All well
1st	All well
2nd	All well
3rd	All well.
4 th	All well
5 th	One out with a virus

Shabbat Shalom,
Rabbi Meir