

Message from the Director

Dear JMP families,

January brings with it the winter sun and some flurries of snow. What a perfect time to study that just as every snowflake is unique- so too is every child. At JMP we celebrate this !

We begin our annual 'Keeping Kids Safe Curriculum' about how each of us has gifts and qualities that make us special. We will then talk about what our family and friends mean to us.

We will continue to discuss feelings through songs with chorus and excellent books on how to name and accept our feelings and learn how to grow. We will discuss ways of problem solving and ways of

being resilient and conclude with personal safety and safety all around me.

This month we also celebrate Tu B'Shevat, the new year for the trees.

Here's to nurturing and growing our precious little saplings,
With blessings,

Morah Esther

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Monday, January 15 - No School
MLK Day

For the week of Jan 15-19
Please bring in for Show and Tell an item that reminds your child of their family.

We welcome Omer Shabbat for a Tu B'Shvat sing a long on Friday, January 19.



Family song to be sung at the Tu B'Shvat Sing Along

MI OHEV ET HASHABAT?

Mi ohev et hashabat?
Ima ve'aba!
Mi ohev et hashabat?
Savta vesaba!
Mi ohev et hashabat?
Ani, atah ve'at.
Kol ha'olam ki'mat!
az lamah lo kol yom shabat?

Who Loves Shabbat?

Who loves the Shabbat?
Mommy and Daddy!
Who loves the Shabbat?
Grandma and Grandad! Who
loves Shabbat? Me, you and
you. The whole world almost!
So why isn't every day
Shabbat?





Welcome back, so happy to be back in the classroom!

I hope you had a restful blissful break.

We're jumping right in to decorating the classroom in our winter theme. Snowflakes, and snowmen, and penguins, oh my! We're making snowmen out of air dry clay and using cotton balls in crafting and sensory play. We also have a few marshmallow activities planned for this month!

Soon we will be celebrating Tu B'Shvat with a special sing along and a fun day honoring the trees and all they do for us and our world.

Our theme this month centers around 'I am Special'.

We will be talking about what makes us unique through reading and song and tying this in with a snowflake lesson. We will be celebrating friendships and family and all the things that make us, us! Please send in anything that your child may want to share that reflects who they are or who you are together as a family. Happy to be here with your children learning and growing side by side.

Ms. Kara





Dear Shalom parents,

It is great seeing all the children back after the long winter break, this week, we spoke a bit about self-esteem and how I love to be me! We started decorating the classroom for winter with snowman and snowflakes that we colored in with water paint. We made air clay snowmen for us to paint once dried. We have a new fish in our classroom. We discussed what name we should give him, and all the children agreed on the name Fishy. We are preparing for Tu B'Shvat by learning and singing this song;

ט"ו בשבט הגיע
חג לאילנות
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"Tu bishvat hegia Chag la Ilanot" -
tu bishvat is here the celebration of the trees.

Morah Hadassa



Dear families,

We welcome January and winter with a new selection of children's winter literature. We are enjoying several fiction and nonfiction selections about the season. We are learning about animals that migrate, hibernate, or adapt during the winter. One of our favorite fiction books is about snowmen who like to play at night, entitled Snowmen at Night and we are enjoying creating night time drawings of snowmen playing and drinking ice cold cocoa, using white pencils on midnight blue paper. As we begin our personal safety curriculum, we strengthen children's self-esteem and talk about how each one of us is special in our own way. We are reading several books to reinforce this subject. And singing one special song by Dr Thomas Moore, from his classic CD for early childhood education entitled "I Am Special."

The lyrics are as follows:

I am special
Just because I'm me
I am special
I hope that you like me
I may have long hair, I may have short hair
I am special, just because I'm me.
I may be tall, I may be short.
I am special, I hope that you like me.
I may be a boy, I may be a girl, I am special, I hope that you like me.
I am a child, and I love myself, I am special just because I'm me.

