

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

December 2009



THANKSGIVING - COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

The word “curriculum” comes from the Latin word for “race course.” So, the educational program in a class can either be a path to learning or a race to accumulate lots of facts but not necessarily deep meaning. The path to a good path is for teachers to ask an important question – “When this curriculum is finished, what should the children know?”

There are many ways to approach Thanksgiving and many facts that lead to other facts. But as our Nursery School staff discussed our approach to the holiday, it was clear that our primary focus was thankfulness. How right this is! Making turkey art and cooking pumpkin cookies are all fun, but they are simply decorations if we do not teach the real meaning of Thanksgiving.

So, this is an opportunity to get out of the race and consider what are the blessings in our lives? The teachers have been asking the children what it is that they are thankful for. It has given our children a time to stop and reflect on the blessings in their lives. Their responses have been charming but also reveal deep thought and thoughtfulness. Please ask them yourselves. You will find out some very interesting information about your child.

Best wishes for a wonderful and thankful Thanksgiving!

2010-2011 Registration

If you have not yet registered for next year, please speak to Idie about your intentions. We want to make sure there is a space for your child.

Idie is available to answer any questions about your child's next step.

Thank you to so many of our parents who have recommended our school to their friends, family, and acquaintances. We so appreciate your support and “vote of confidence.”



HANUKKAH LIGHTS

In the Talmud, there was a debate between the schools of Rabbi Shammai and Rabbi Hillel. The former said we should start with eight candles and count down. The latter said we should start with one candle and add one each night until our menorah is filled with light. As we know, we follow Beit Hillel increasing the light each night.

As the days in December past, here at school excitement about the approaching holiday will increase as will the children's knowledge and understanding of Hanukkah. We will celebrate as a school community and seek to increase their connection to their Jewish community. We will look for miracles large and small. And we will watch as the lights in the menorah increase giving us hope and inspiration.

COME TO THE T.I.C. Community Hagigat Hanukkah Celebration

Sunday, December 13,
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

AND ENJOY
Activities for Nursery
School aged children at
The PA Mitzvah Party
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Lower Level Conference
Sponsored by the
Nursery School PA

12:40 - 1 p.m.
Hanukkah
Candle-lighting
and Sing-a-Long
In the Gym