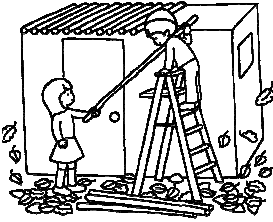


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Dear Parents,

Jewish Early LEARNING Center Merrick-Bellmore NEWS

Candle lighting times:
Eve of first day of Sukkot
6:18 pm
Eve of second day of Sukkot
7:15 pm

The children are so delightful! It is a thrill to see the children come together helping each other and sharing. You would kvell if you could hear them at circle time each morning.

Our focus again are on the holidays. For *Yom Kippur* we made the chicken for *kaporot* and our *Jonah* in the "whale". We enjoyed looking through the belly of the whale to see Jonah praying. For *Sukkot* we made our very own etrog and a special *Sukkah* book. We visited our school *Sukkah* and using four of our five senses, we felt, we saw, we heard the shaking of the lulav and smelled the fragrant etrog. Our crafts involved hand eye coordination and some of us practiced our cutting skills, open shut them and sewing skills, going in, out, under & over.

We don't just work, we make music too! We love dancing, shaking, turning, twisting and jumping up and down. But most importantly we learned to follow directions. On 1-2-3, everyone froze to put their instruments down, only to pick them back up and start all over again!

Picture of the Week

(for more, visit www.JewishELC.org)



In the most entertaining way, we introduced the children to the Hebrew letter *Alef*. The children were thrilled and learning should be fun.

Not to be forgotten, all these wonderful books were introduced to the children:

"the Sukkah that I built" by Rochel Groner Vorst

"It's Sukkah time" by Latifa Berry Kropf

"What's different?"

"Let's go to shul" by Rikki Benenfeld

In addition, the children enjoy reading all the books that are constantly available in the library.

Stay tuned for our next exciting chapter!

Have a good *Yom Tov*!

Morah Myrna, Morah Chani, Morah Grace and Morah Kelly

