

CHEERY GREETINGS ON WAY TO ISRAEL We shipped a package of introductions and good wishes to our partner school in Israel this week. Kindergartners made a book, *We Like School*, which shows pictures of them busily “doing school.” They also made Chanukah cards and a cute holiday game for their new friends. The older children each sent a picture of themselves and a letter written in Hebrew. The Israeli children are likewise sharing information about themselves with us. Mrs. Thau will help with any translations needed, as Hebrew is the agreed upon common language. We were excited that our children are getting the chance to use their language skills in the best and most authentic way - to connect with other children.



HOPING TO SEE YOU TOMORROW! - Don't forget that all parents are invited to our Judaic/Hebrew open house on Tuesday, December 13th from 2:00PM on. This is a great opportunity for you to sit in on class and get a sense for how and what the children get to do on a daily basis. No, you don't have to brush up on your Hebrew ahead of time, we won't call on you for answers. Hope to see you then.



DRESS CODE FOR LINCOLN PARK? The kids can just wear their usual school clothes for our trip to Lincoln Park on Wednesday, December 14. No need to dress up in anything other than a smile!



STILL BASKING IN THE ROCKWELL GLOW - You know it was a good field experience when the kiddos are still talking about the paintings they saw at the Dayton Art Institute. Many thanks to our teachers for doing such a good job of preparing the children as thoughtful observers and thinkers. It's a joy, of course, anytime we go someplace and our children are using their best manners. However, when the DAI staff members go out of their way to let us know that our students were the most insightful and engaged group they'd been with this year, we were pretty proud!

GONE, GONE – ONE MIGHT EVEN SAY, “OFF THEIR ROCKER” - Remember what your mother told you, “do what I say, not what I do.” Keep that in mind on Thursday and Friday of this week. Kathy and Dan are heading out to Boston Thursday morning and will miss the last two days of school. Baby crib, rocking chair, paint brushes, scraping tools - our van is headed to Boston so we can be with our son and daughter-in-law prior to the holidays... and the February birth of our first grandchild! Since neither of them can be home for the holidays (and are only off work this weekend) we are taking the opportunity to take some necessities, paint the nursery, and just bask in the glow of starting out as grandparents. So please, *what we say* is “be on time and never miss a day of school” but we're hoping you'll not be too upset with *what we do*.

CHANUKAH BLESSINGS TO ALL – On behalf of all the Hillel Staff we want to extend our wishes for a Happy Chanukah to all of you! May the light you bring to the world each day sparkle generously to others ... and be returned to you and your family tenfold in the New Year! See you January 3rd ☺

