

The Hagedorn Little Village School

Jack Joel Center for Special Children

February 2020 Newsletter



Little Village Parent Association Casino Night

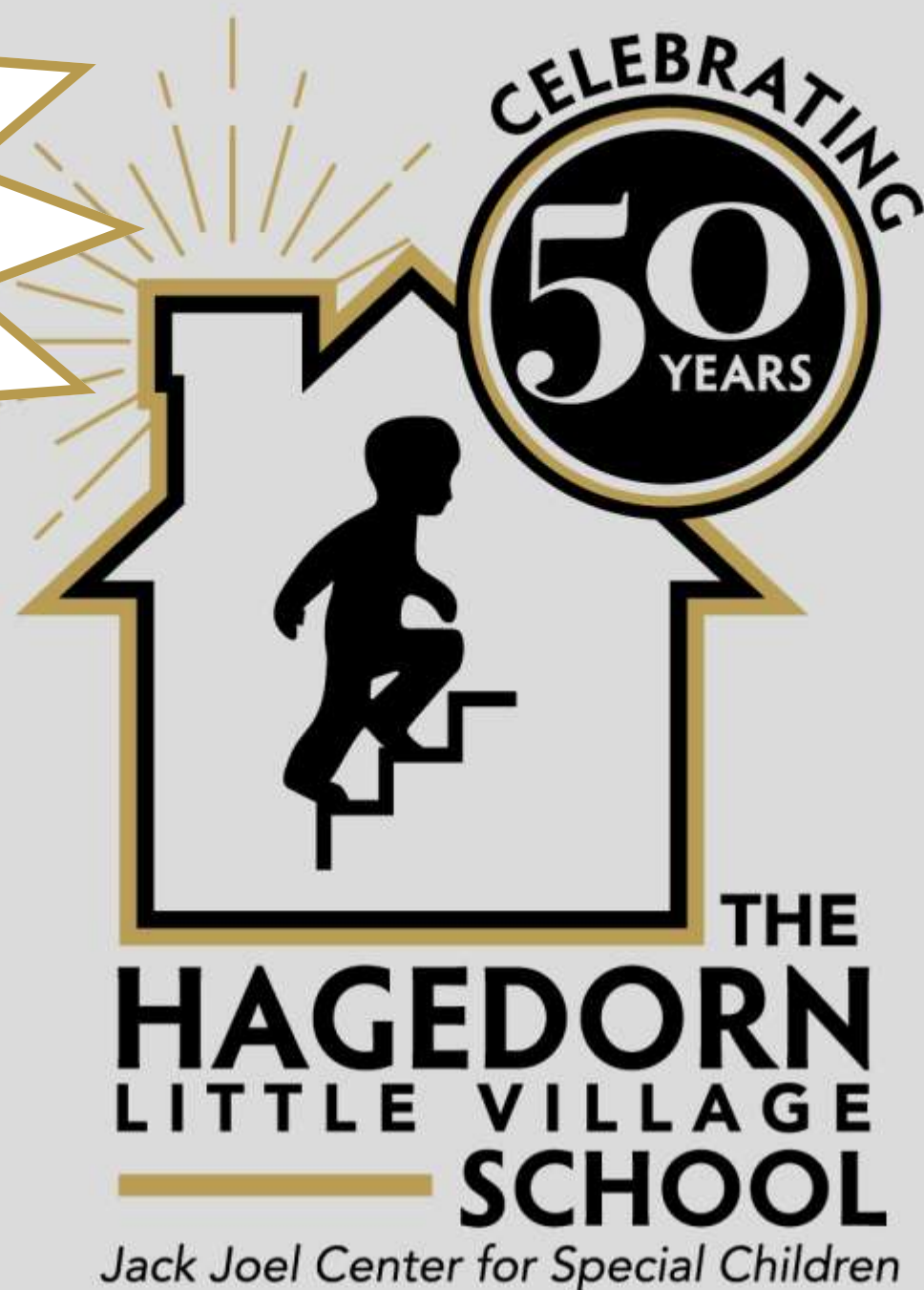
Thank you to Casino Night Chairpersons **Danielle Derasmo, MaryAnne Hyland** and their committee members for all their hard work in organizing a great evening! An extra special thank you to all of our sponsors and supporters, especially our Bar Sponsors: **Paul & Angela Adimando, E.W. Howell Co., LLC** and the **McAree Family**, as well as our Silver sponsors: **Keep Moving Forward, Inc., Merrick Collision & Towing, Metro Physical & Aquatic Therapy** and the **Westbury Fire Department**.



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SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020 | 6 P.M.

The Hagedorn Little Village School,
Jack Joel Center for Special Children's 50TH Anniversary

GOLDEN RULE AWARD *Gala*

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!
LittleVillage50.org



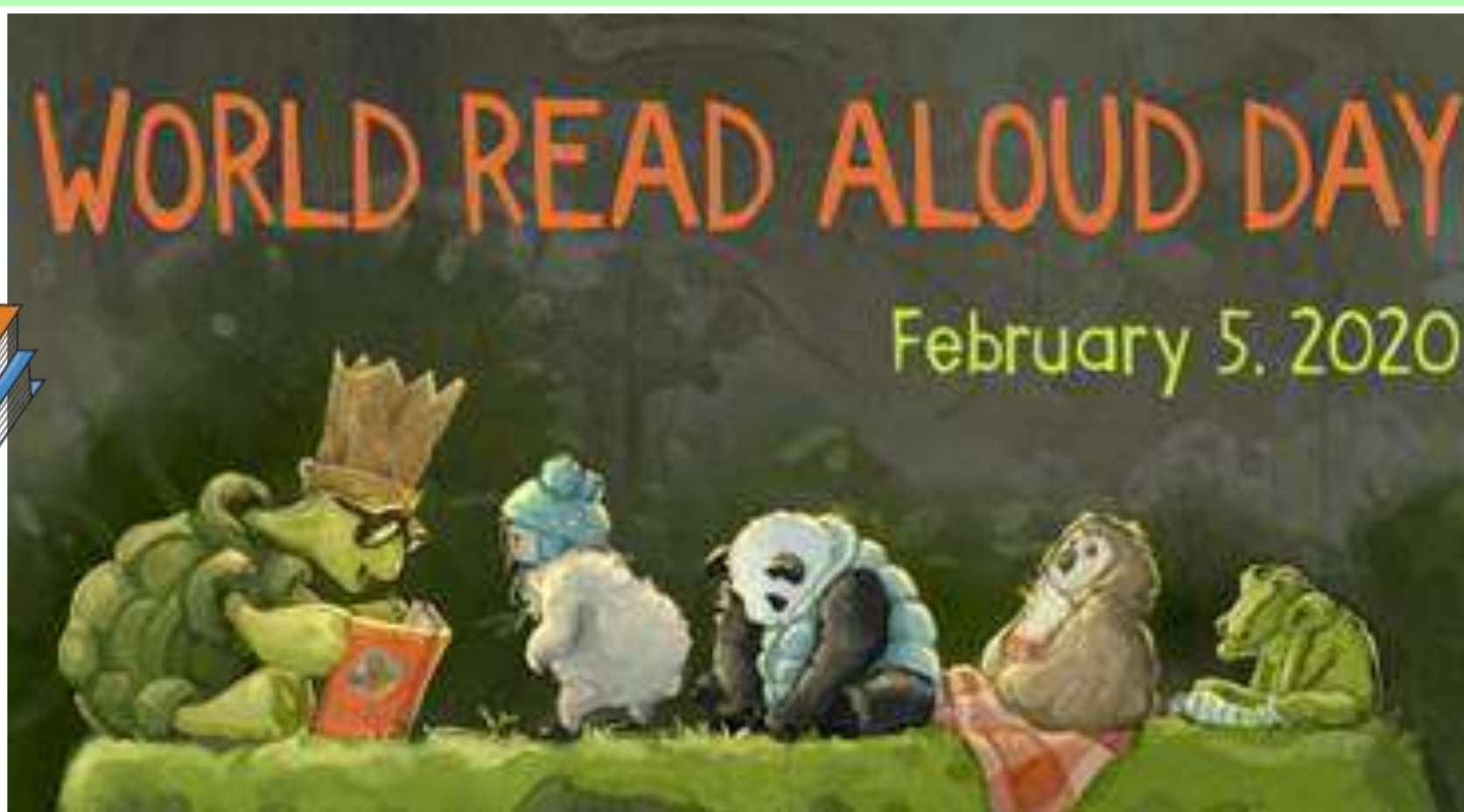
Live Entertainment

from Broadway's Original Cast of
Jersey Boys, The Midtown Men

Master of Ceremonies

renowned comedian
Joe Piscopo





Room 221
Teachers:
Carol Fagan
&
Tara Priest

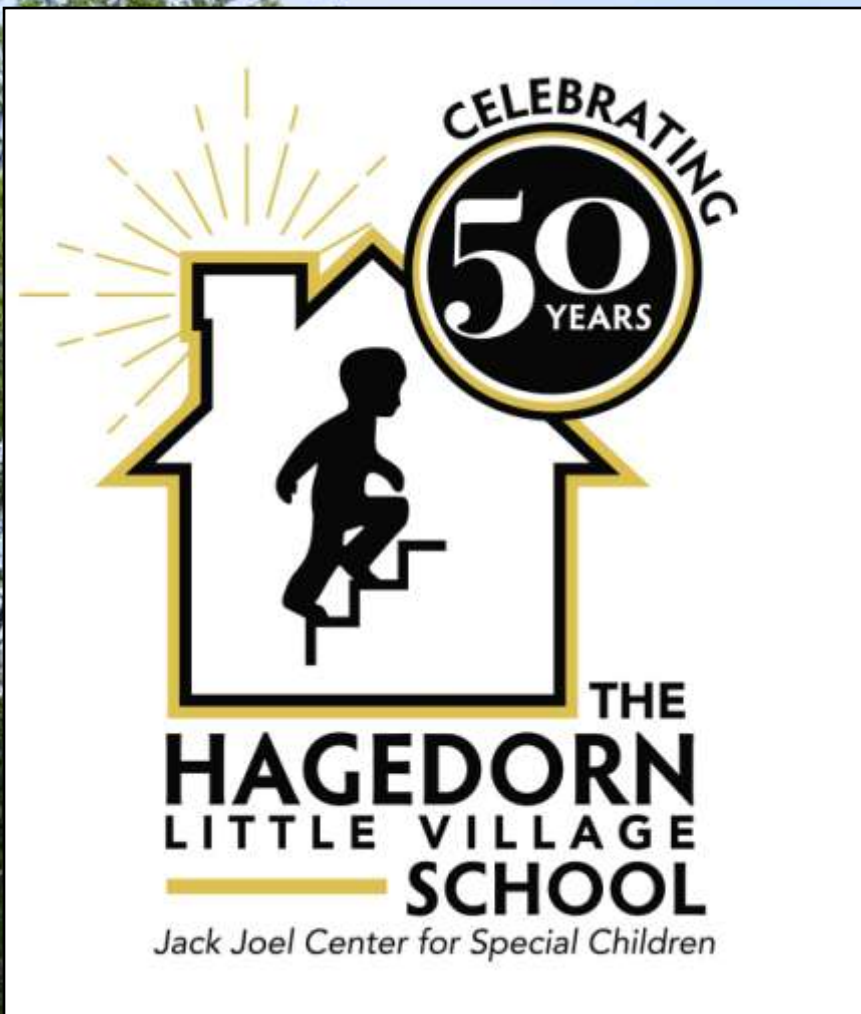


Parent Association Valentine's Day Bake Sale





The Hagedorn Little Village School *Jack Joel Center for Special Children* 26th Annual Golf Classic



Save the Date!
June 1, 2020

Honoring
Doug Solow
with the
*2020 Drew Weidhorn
Humanitarian Award!*



Cold Spring Country Club • 22 E Gate Dr, Huntington, NY 11743

Look for upcoming mailings ▪ For information, contact Jennifer
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***2019 Golf Classic
Memories!***



Kindness and Caring in Room 61

Teacher **Kristina Lanza** and the children in Room 61 have been learning all about Valentine's Day and the importance of showing kindness. The students created a collage of all of the things they love and decorated mailboxes in preparation of their Valentine's Day party. They are very excited to give their peers cards and goodies to show them how much they care!



Ice! Ice! Baby!

Miss Carol and Miss Tara's Class (**Carol Fagan** and **Tara Priest**) Room 221 just loved learning about Winter! They made snowmen, snow angels and learned about ice.

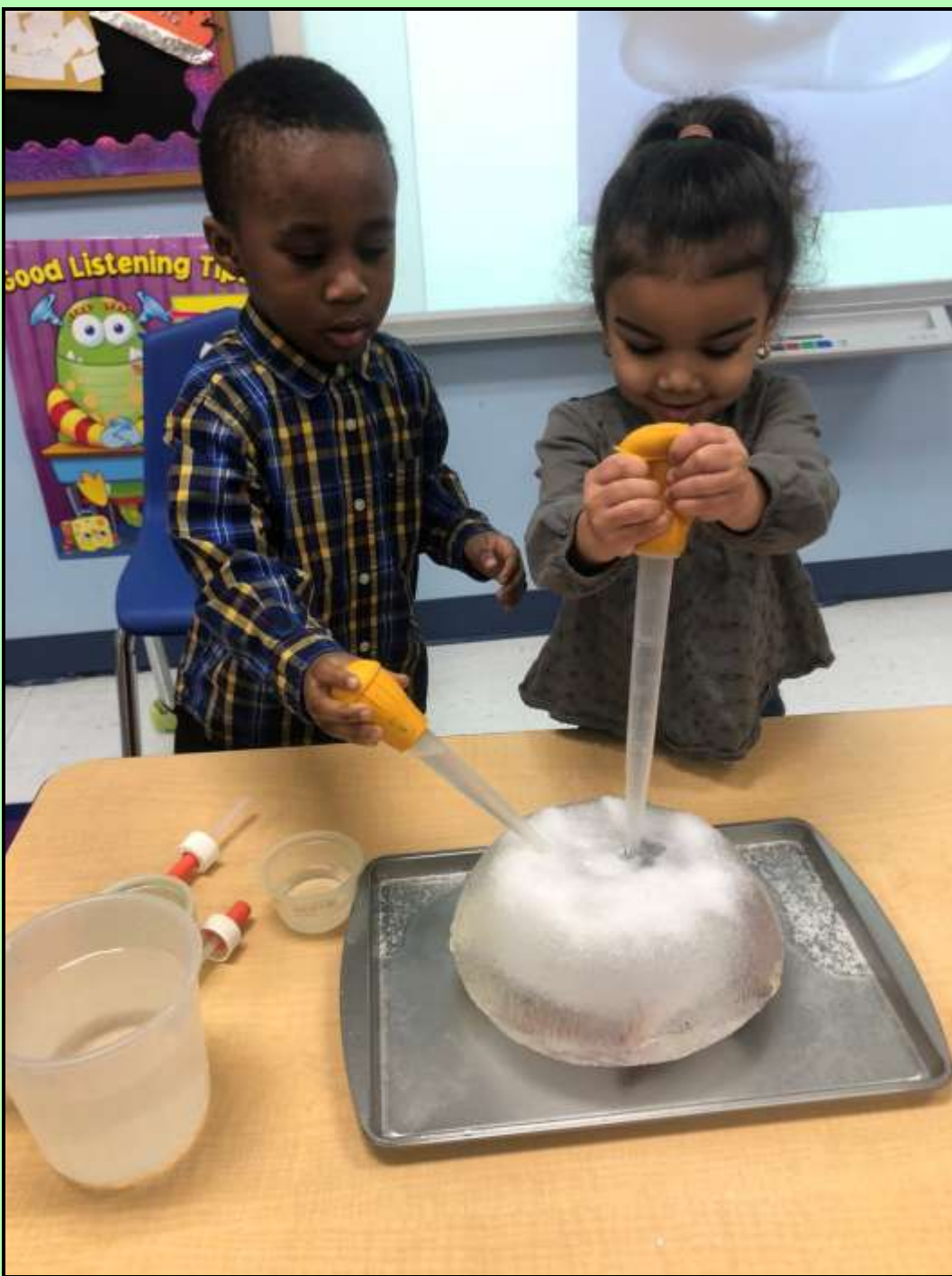
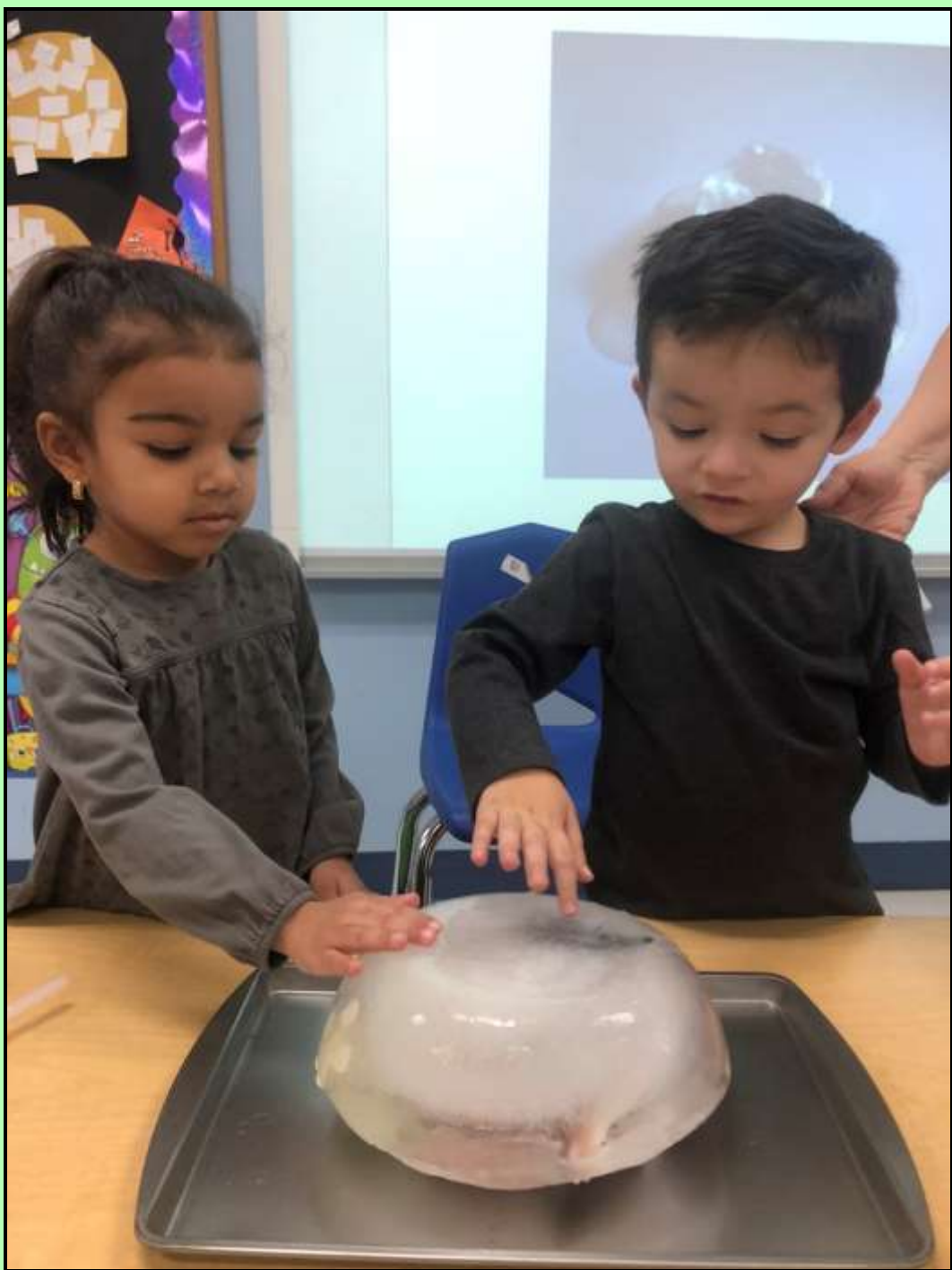
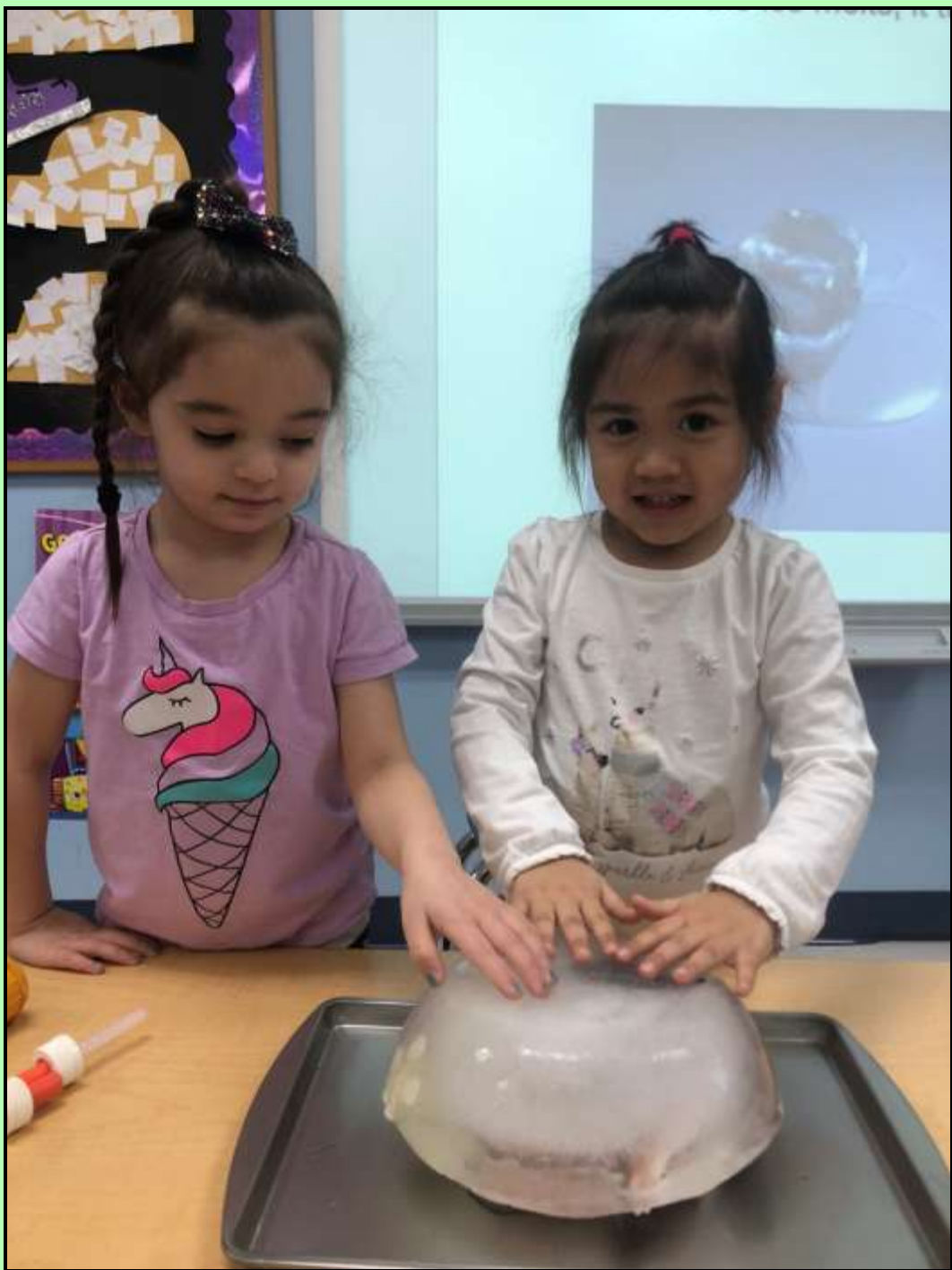
The children enjoyed discovering what made an ice cube melt and experimented using different materials to try to melt the ice including salt and vinegar. The children also recycled water bottles to make snowmen.

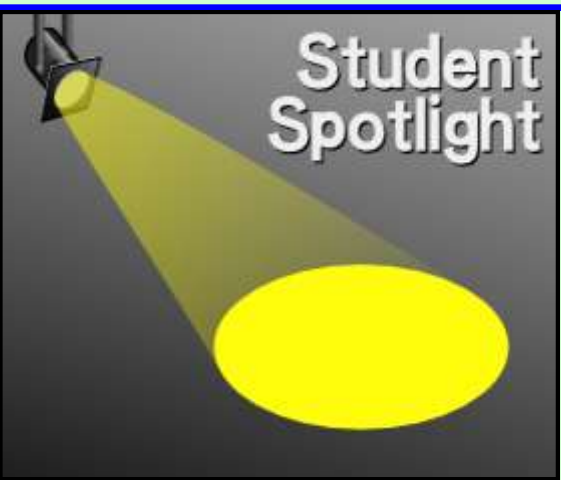
They had to work together and cooperate to help each other fill the bottles with "snow". Teamwork is such an important part of Room 221 and the children are rocking it!



Room 81 Learns About Winter

Teacher **Tara Fitzpatrick** and the students in room 81pm have been learning about winter, ice, and animals that live in the cold. The children have been busy identifying ice, how it feels, and what happens when ice melts. The children participated in a science experiment, using salt and warm water to melt ice to rescue the animals frozen in ice.





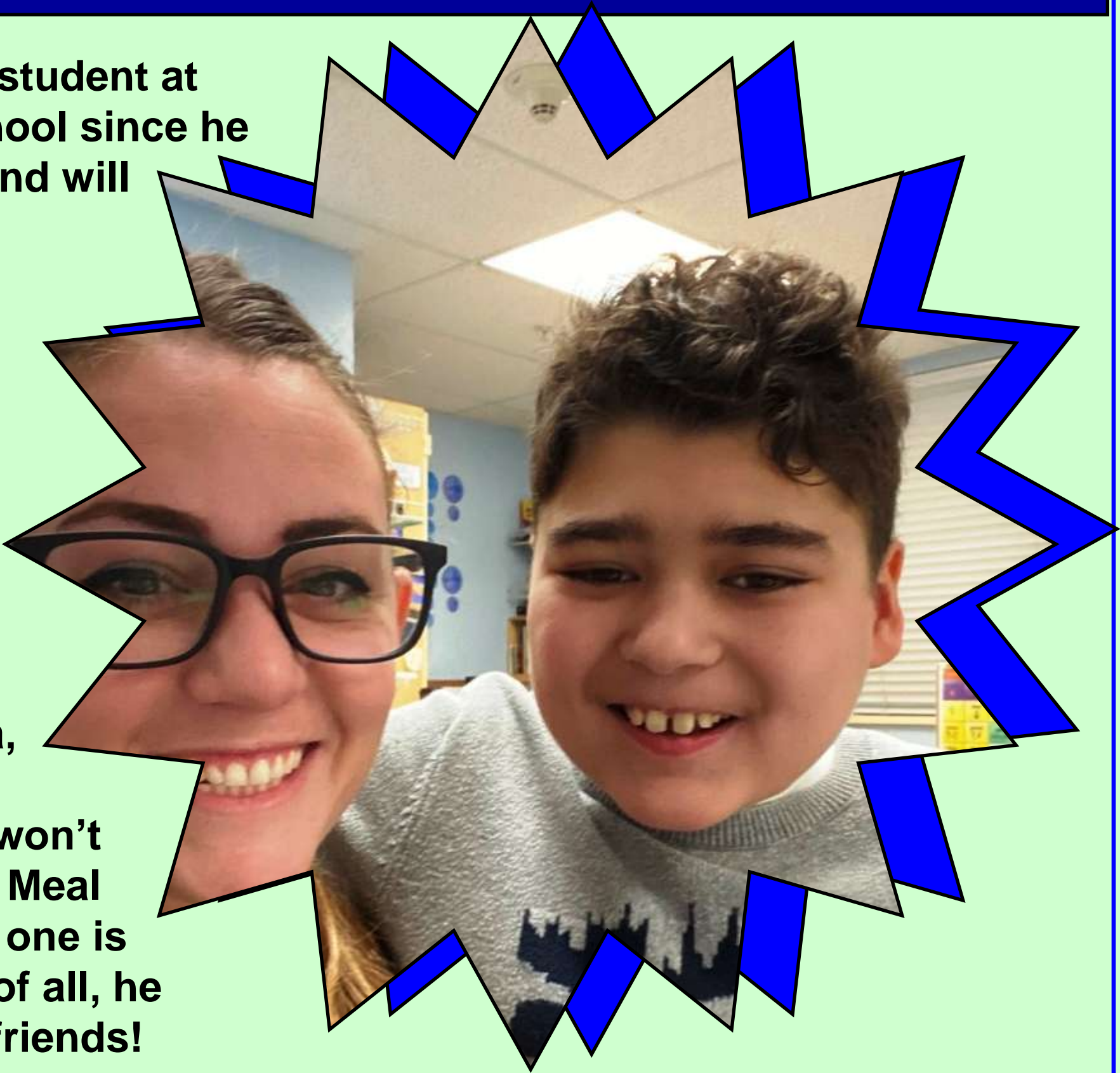
Student Spotlight - Gabriel Monserrate

Gabriel Monseratte has been a student at The Hagedorn Little Village School since he was 6 years old. He is now 12 and will be graduating this coming June!

According to Mom, Gabriel is the sweetest, most loving boy. His favorite hobbies are surfing, swimming, kicking a soccer ball, and putting together puzzles. He loves helicopters and air-planes, and any-thing that flies.

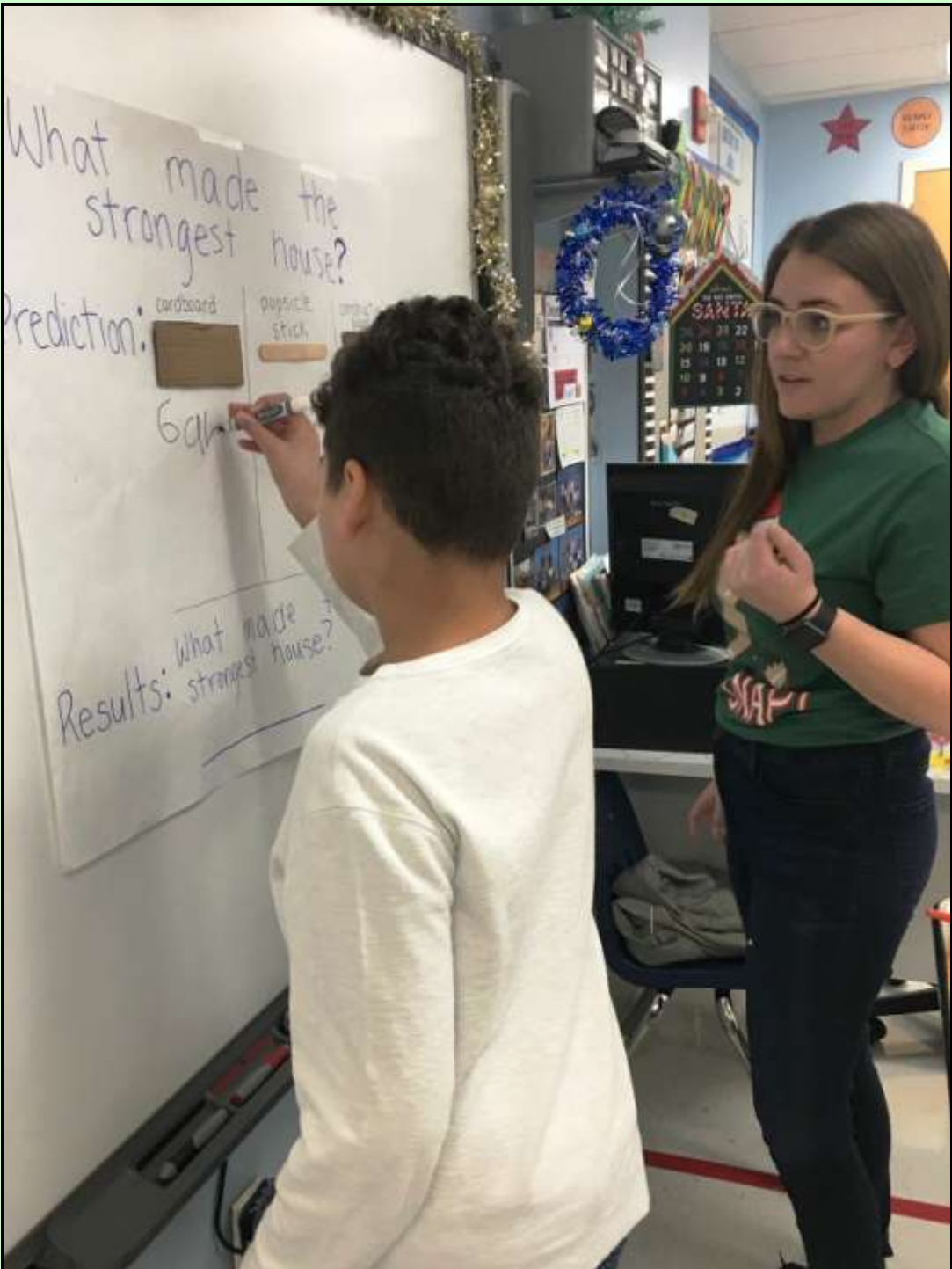
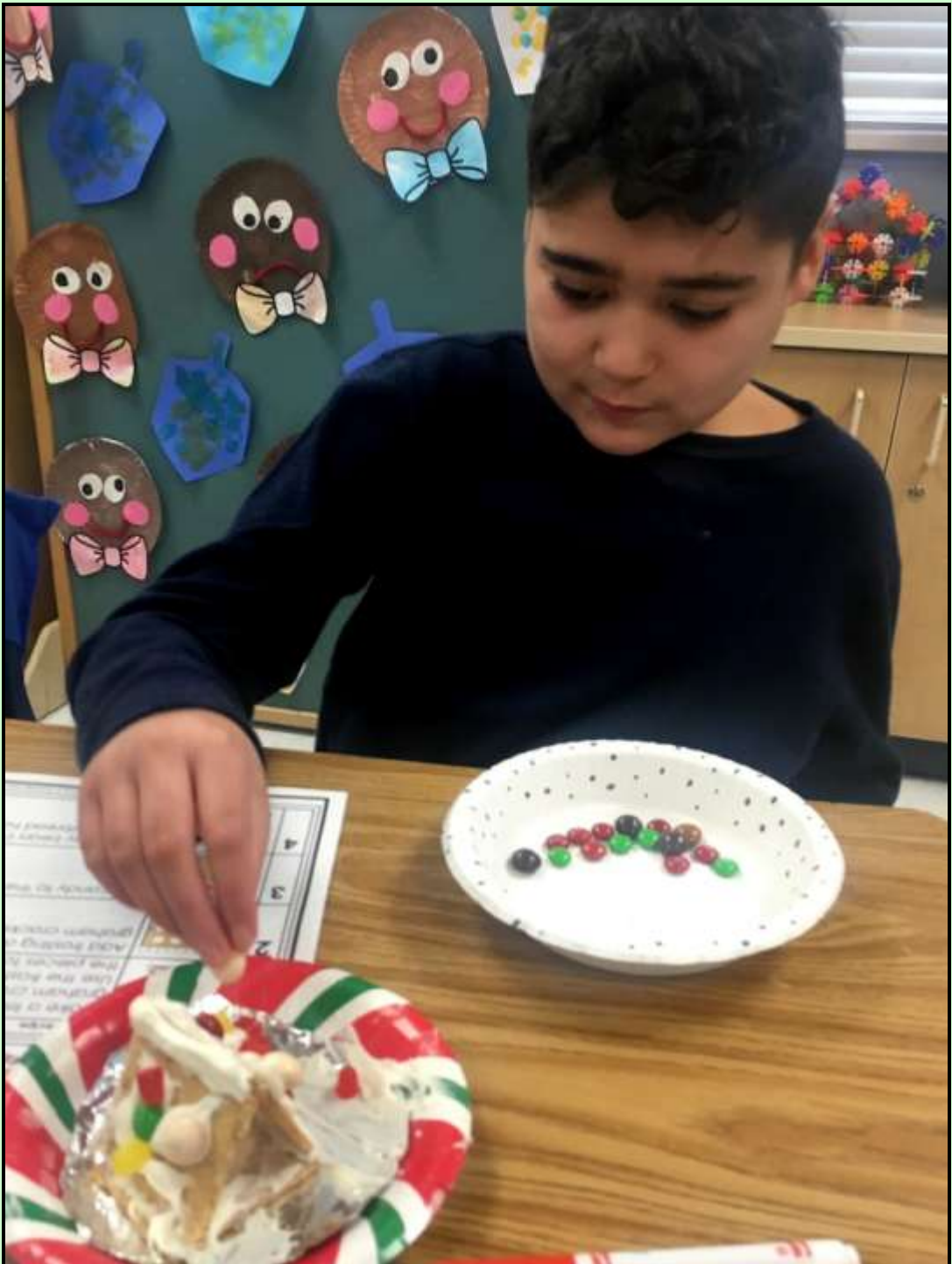


Gabriel’s favorite foods include pizza, hummus, and avo-cado, however, he won’t turn down a Happy Meal from McDonald’s if one is offered! But most of all, he loves making new friends!



Gabriel enjoys completing puzzles of all shapes and sizes in school. He loves playing group games with his classmates, especially “Mr. Fox” in gym. Gabriel will never say “no” to dancing or playing magic tricks with his peers.

This year, Gabriel has made great progress in reading and writing. His teacher, **Miss Carlyn**, is so proud of him! Sadly, Gabriel will be graduating and moving on from Little Village at the end of this year. He will definitely be missed, especially by all his teachers and thera-pists! We wish him and his entire family all the best in the future. Gabriel, please come back and visit!



Room 14 Learns How to Keep their Teeth Shiny and Clean!

This month, the students in Room 14 have been learning about dental health. According to their Teacher **Sam Kirincic**, they learned what food is good for your teeth and what is not.

During centers, they used clothespins to indicate if a food was good/bad for your teeth, used “floss” to floss out the food stuck in their “teeth”, and used a tooth brush to make their yellow teeth white! During their science/cooking lesson, the students ate an Oreo cookie and saw that it made their teeth look dirty. After, they ate an apple and looked in the mirror again to see that their teeth were clean and shiny again!



Upcoming Evening Workshops

For information, contact **Eileen Townsend Williams**
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Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2020 • Presenter: Fern Sandler, Ph.D.

What is Autism Spectrum Disorder, and what it is not - Overview of Autism Spectrum Disorder

Date: Tuesday March 25, 2020 • Presenters: Melissa Brown, MA, CCC-SLP, TSSLD & Amanda Kiefel MA, CCC-SLP, TSSLD

Language Basics - This workshop is designed for parents and professionals and will provide an overview of language development. Participants will gain an understanding of pragmatic development, language content and form and the integration of these concepts to develop effective communication. A variety of techniques to facilitate interactions, communication and language development will be explored.



A Brief Look Back in Time as Little Village Celebrates its 50th Year!



Little Villager Attends Islanders Game

Jayson Gleason, a student in **Shari Orinstein's** class won tickets to a New York Islanders game and had the opportunity to meet Islander goalie Thomas Griess. Pictured below is Jayson with goalie Griess (left) and his dad.



Free Financial Seminar for Parents of Little Village Students

On Monday, April 6, 2020 **Andrew Cohen**, Esq. and **Mitch Weisbrot**, CLU will present a Legal and Financial Seminar at Little Village. The presentation will address the legal and financial preparations crucial to safeguarding assets and benefits for your special needs child. Andrew and Mitch are Little Village Alumni fathers. Their personal experience and professional expertise enable them to help other parents navigate the confusing and emotional aspects of estate planning to best serve the interests of each special needs child.

Some topics of discussion include:

- . Government benefits for individuals with disabilities
 - . How to accumulate and preserve assets without disqualifying eligibility for benefits
 - . Establishing guardianship
 - . Estate planning and wills
- . Special needs trusts – how they work and why they're useful
 - . Strategies for funding trusts

*The seminar begins at 7:00 p.m. and will run approximately 1 1/2 hours. If you are interested in attending this free seminar, please contact **Janet Mouliere** at 516-520-6067 or email her at Janet.mouliere@littlevillage.org.*