

# The Hagedorn Little Village School

## *Jack Joel Center for Special Children*



### February 2019 Newsletter

## *The 2019 Golden Rule Award Dinner!*

On Thursday evening, January 24th, Little Village honored our 2019 Golden Rule Award Recipients **Gerry Levy, Neil Levy and the entire Levy family** (top picture below) for a 'lifetime' of support of Little Village! We also honored Little Village Medical Director **Dr. Vijaya Atluru** (bottom picture front row left) for her remarkable support and service for over 40 years! It was a beautiful celebration held again at the Fresh Meadow Country Club in Lake Success. Thank you to our sponsors, donors and attendees who all helped to make this a wonderful evening!





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## **Conference at Little Village**

### **Treatment of Feeding in Young Children: *A Motor Learning Approach***

**Monday March 18, 2019**

**Presenter: Genie Rogers MA CCC-SLP, BRC-S**

**Registration 8:00am Conference 8:30am - 4:00pm**

**.6 CEUs offered ▪ Level: Intermediate ▪ Professional Area**

### **Program Description**

This workshop will focus on the topic of feeding problems in young children. Areas of discussion include physiology of swallowing, normal development of feeding skills in young children, etiology, assessment and treatment of feeding disorders, behaviors associated with eating difficulties, and treatment of feeding refusal behavior. Increasing caloric intake and new foods into the diet, positioning for stability, parent involvement and feeding techniques will be discussed. Instructional methods include lecture, case studies, handouts, PowerPoint presentation, videos and discussion.

**Register online at [www.littlevillage.org](http://www.littlevillage.org)**

**For further information, please contact [Kimberly Neary](#) or [Jessica Resnick](#)  
(516) 520-6076 or email at [conferences@littlevillage.org](mailto:conferences@littlevillage.org)**

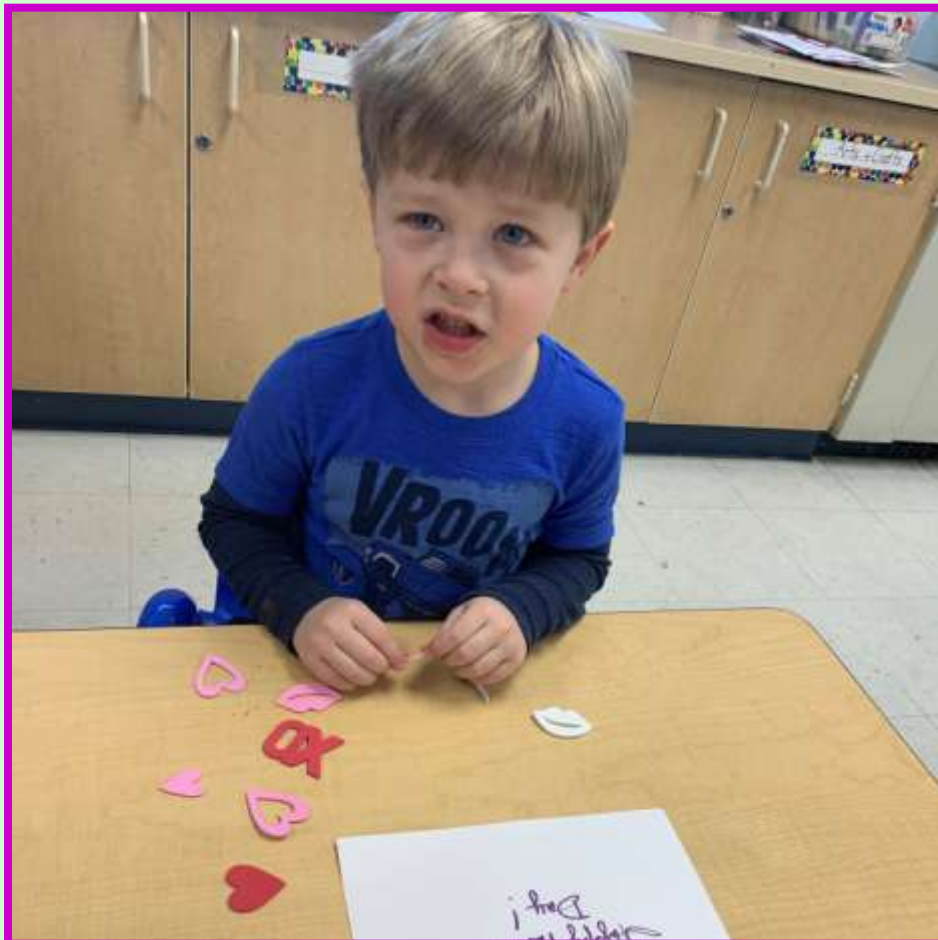




# Valentines For Veterans!



Little Village was once again, extremely proud to participate in the “**Valentines for Veterans**” campaign sponsored by Nassau County Executive, **Laura Curran**. Our children created beautiful unique valentines to send to our veterans in hospitals and nursing homes. The valentines were reflective of each child’s abilities - some were created simply with paint dot markers; others included a hand written note. Each child that participated will receive a certificate of appreciation from Nassau County. We hope the valentines that our students created will warm the hearts of many veterans. Thanks to all of the classes that participated to honor our veterans and to all of our country’s veterans we **thank you for your service!!!**

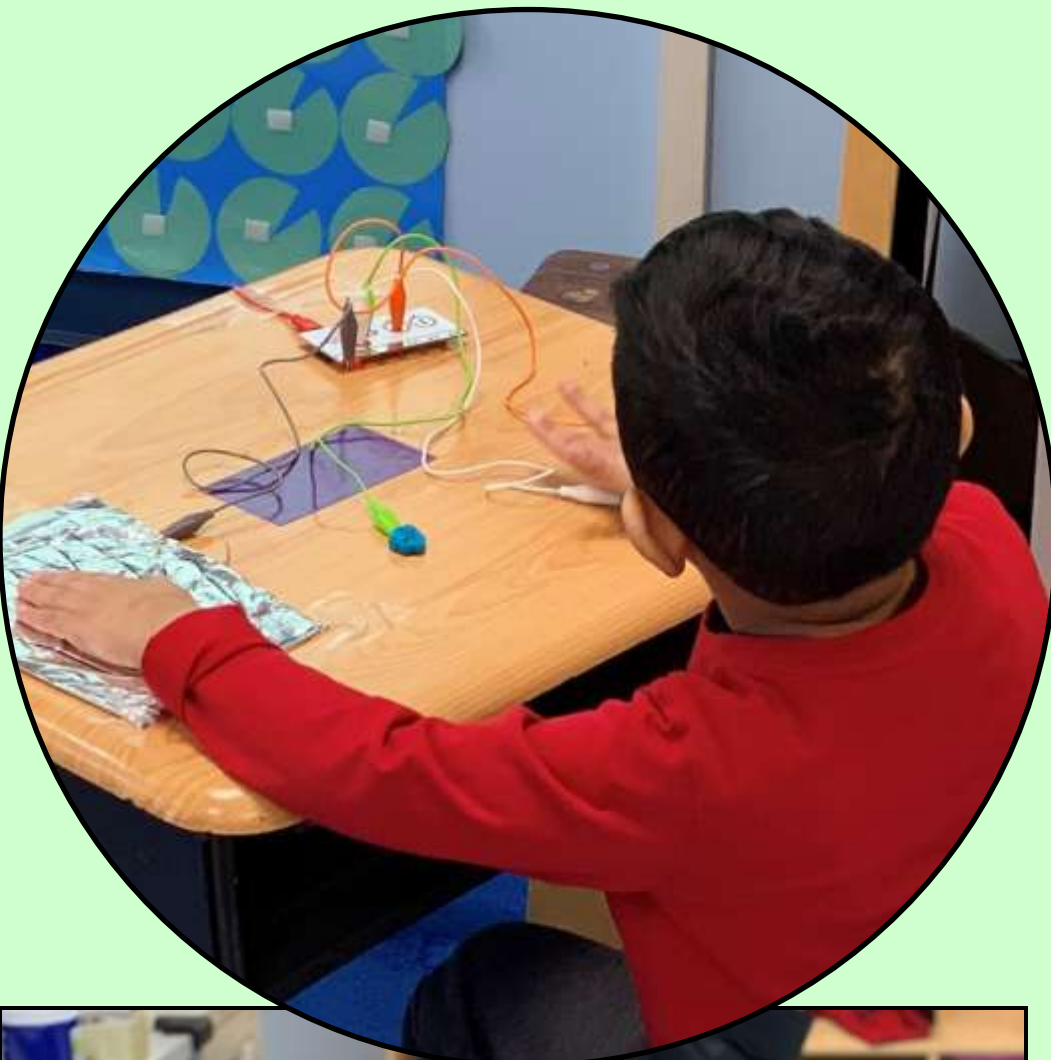




## *We love STEAM in Room 14!*



Teacher **Sam Kirincic** and the students in Room 14 engaged in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) centers this month. In the first center, they used HEXBUGS which are small battery operated bugs that vibrate to move. The students used different tracks to make mazes and traps for the bugs. In the second center, they made a maze for the Code and Go Mouse. They used directional codes to successfully get the mouse to get to the cheese! In the third center, the students were introduced to Makey Makey which is a device that turns any everyday object into a touchpad for the computer. They used play-doh pieces to play the piano and make music. The students had so much fun!





# *2019 Golf Outing - Save the Date!*

## *June 3, 2019*



**Pine Hollow**  
Country Club

Look for future mailings. Contact  
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For more information

## *Thank You Kennedy!*

Recently, **Kennedy Coopersmith**, a student in our inclusion class, stopped by **Dr. Jon Feingold's** office. She was accompanied by her grandmother **Nellie Ramondi** (pictured with Kennedy), who is one of our Occupational Therapists. Kennedy handed Jon one of the donation envelopes that was embedded in our most recent newsletter. Inside was \$3.12. She told Jon that she had seen the envelope and wanted to help the kids in our school. She told her family what she wanted to do, then went home and emptied her piggy bank to make this donation.

Will 3 dollars and 12 cents make a significant impact in our ongoing expenses? No. Will we be able to purchase any therapeutic equipment with this money? No. However, Kennedy's selfless gesture can provide a great deal more for us. It can serve as a reminder as to the importance of all that we do at Little Village. Kennedy's kindness was an example of why we do what we do here. She recognized a need that others had, greater than her own. She then did what she could to help!

So, thank you Kennedy! And thank you to our incredible staff for all of the times that you go above and beyond to help our students and families! We are all very inspired by students like Kennedy!"



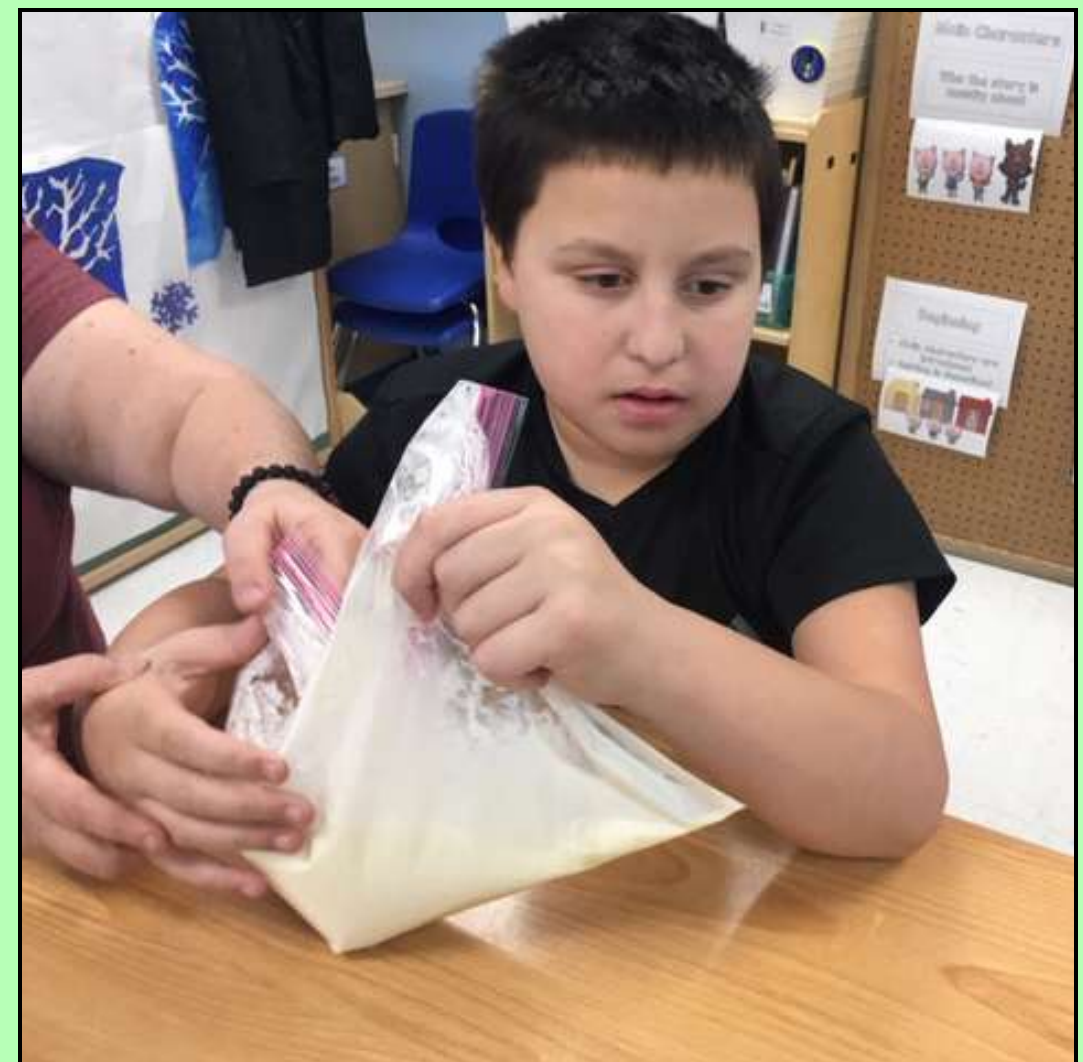
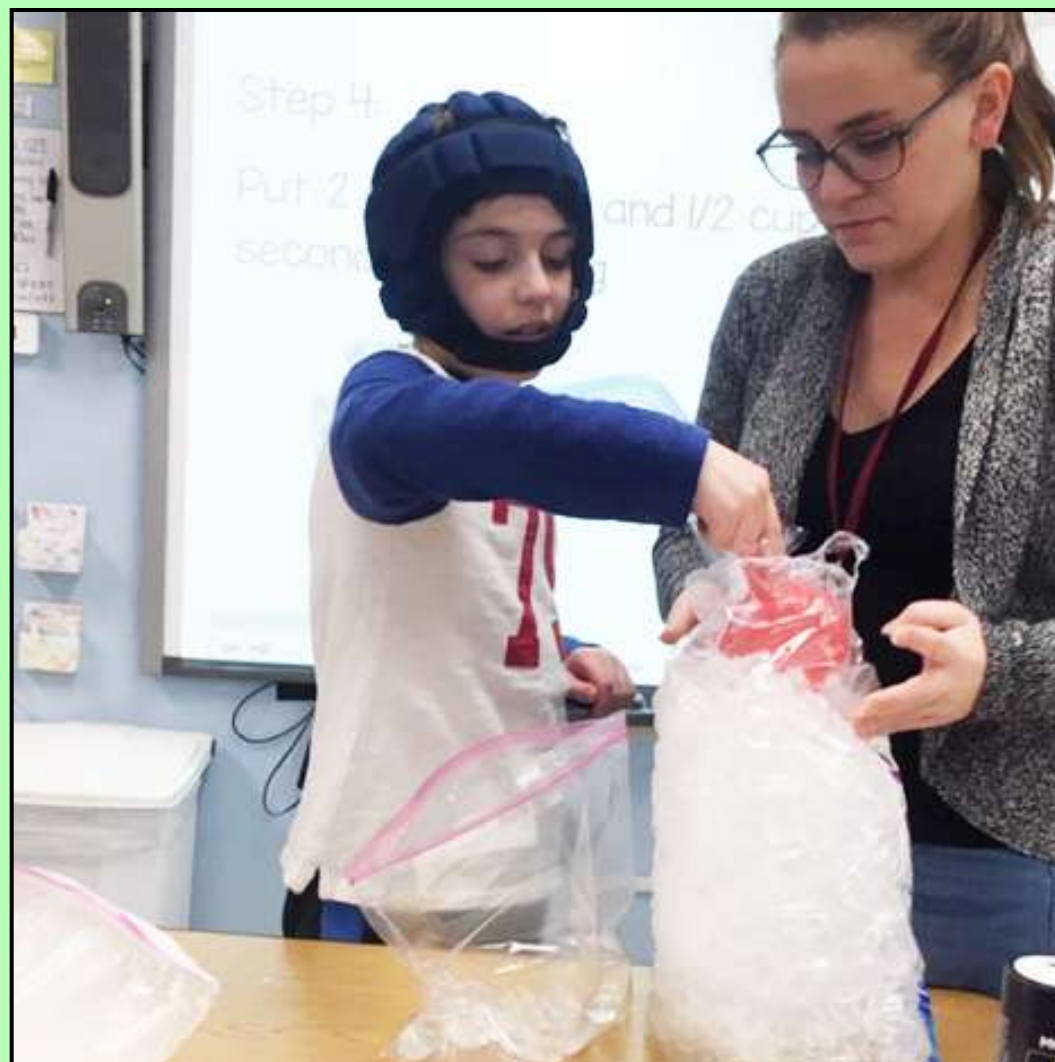
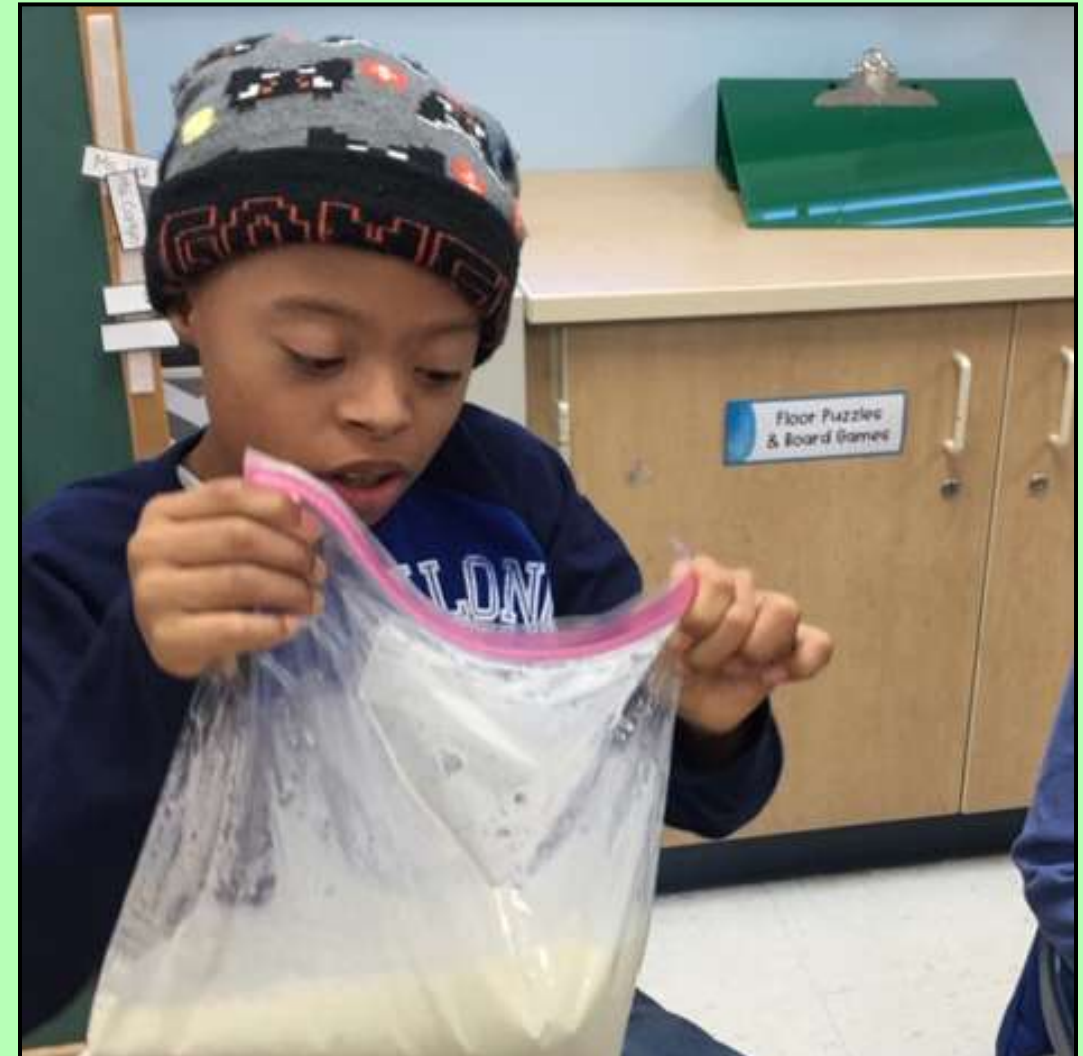
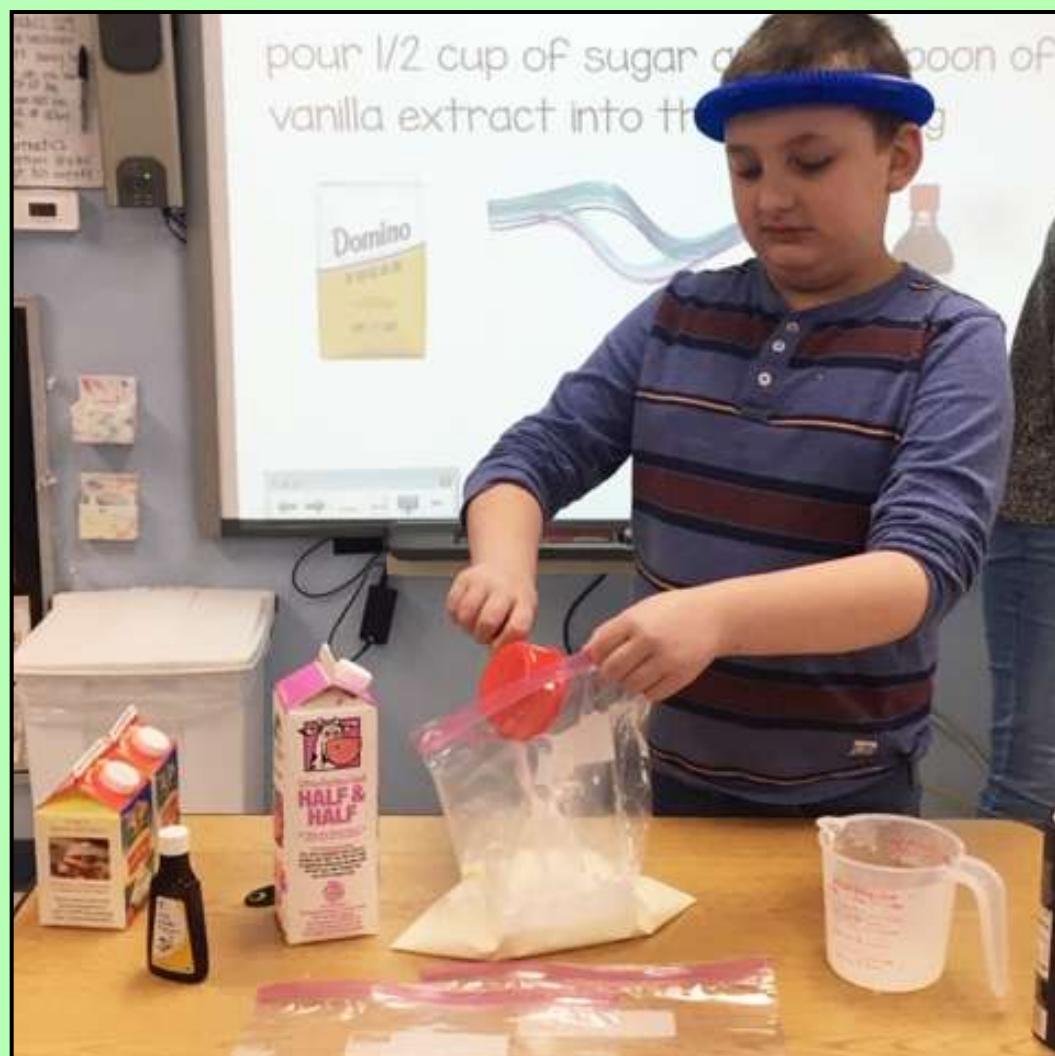
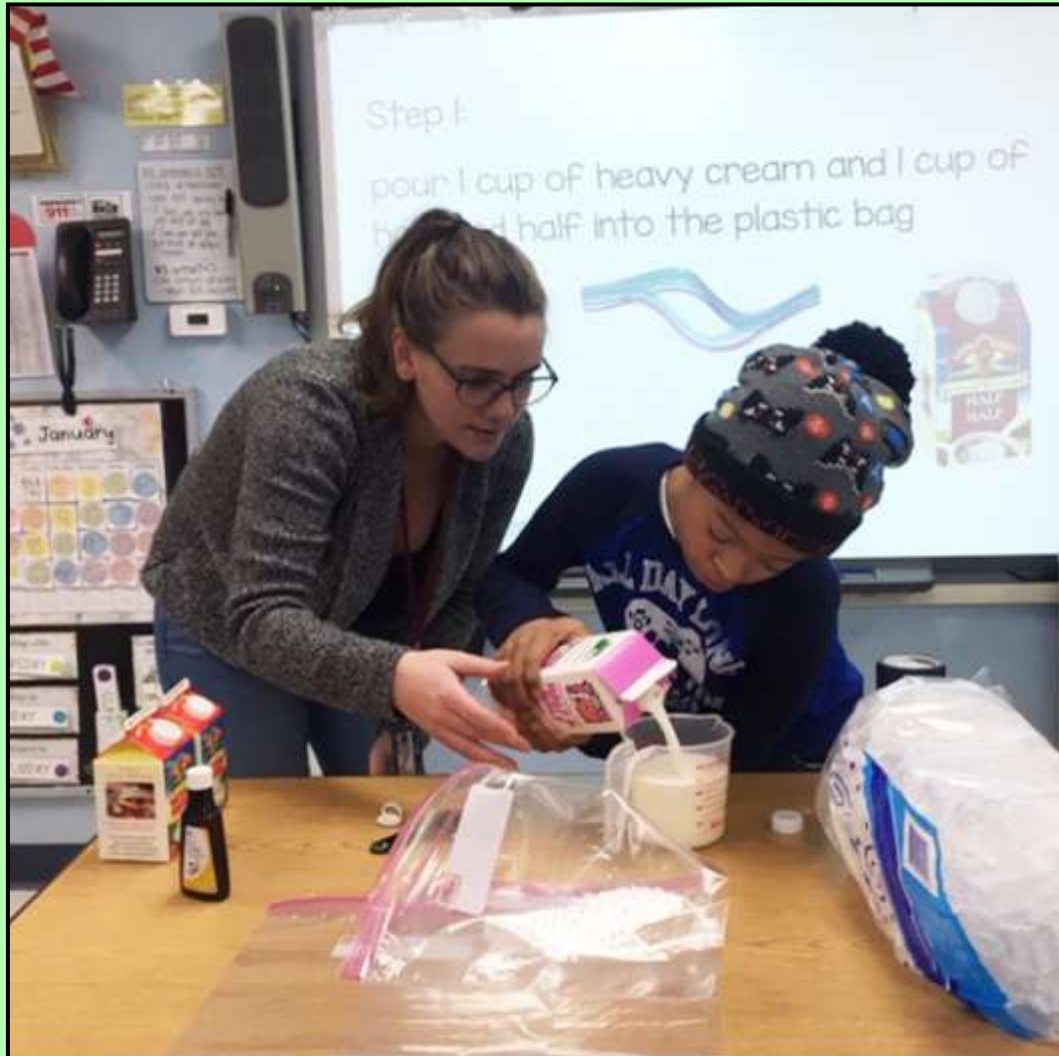


# Making Ice Cream in Room 11

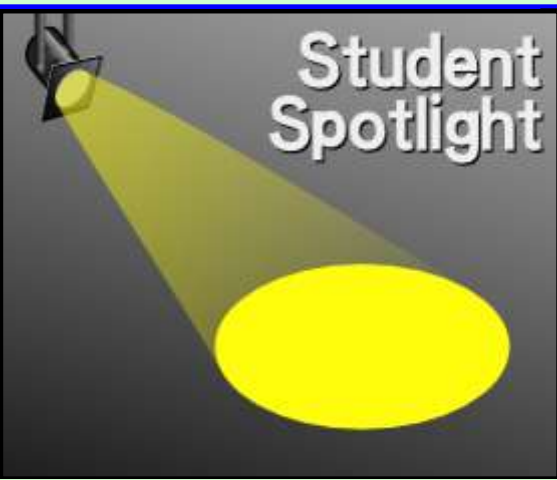
*I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!!*

Teacher **Carlyn Cooke** and the children in Room 21 followed a recipe to make homemade ice cream! It was a delicious hit with everyone!

The students love their cooking activities! They have learned how to gather their ingredients, measure, then mix all the ingredients together for tasty treats!







# Student Spotlight - Anthony Fulgieri

**Antonio Fulgieri**, known affectionately by all HLVS staff as “Anthony”, is 6 years old and has attended Little Village for 3 years.

Anthony has a twin brother, **Nicholas**, and a big sister Juliana. According to his mom, the brothers are very close and Nicholas is very protective of Anthony. We have seen this first hand at “Babysitting Night” at Little Village! Nicholas is a

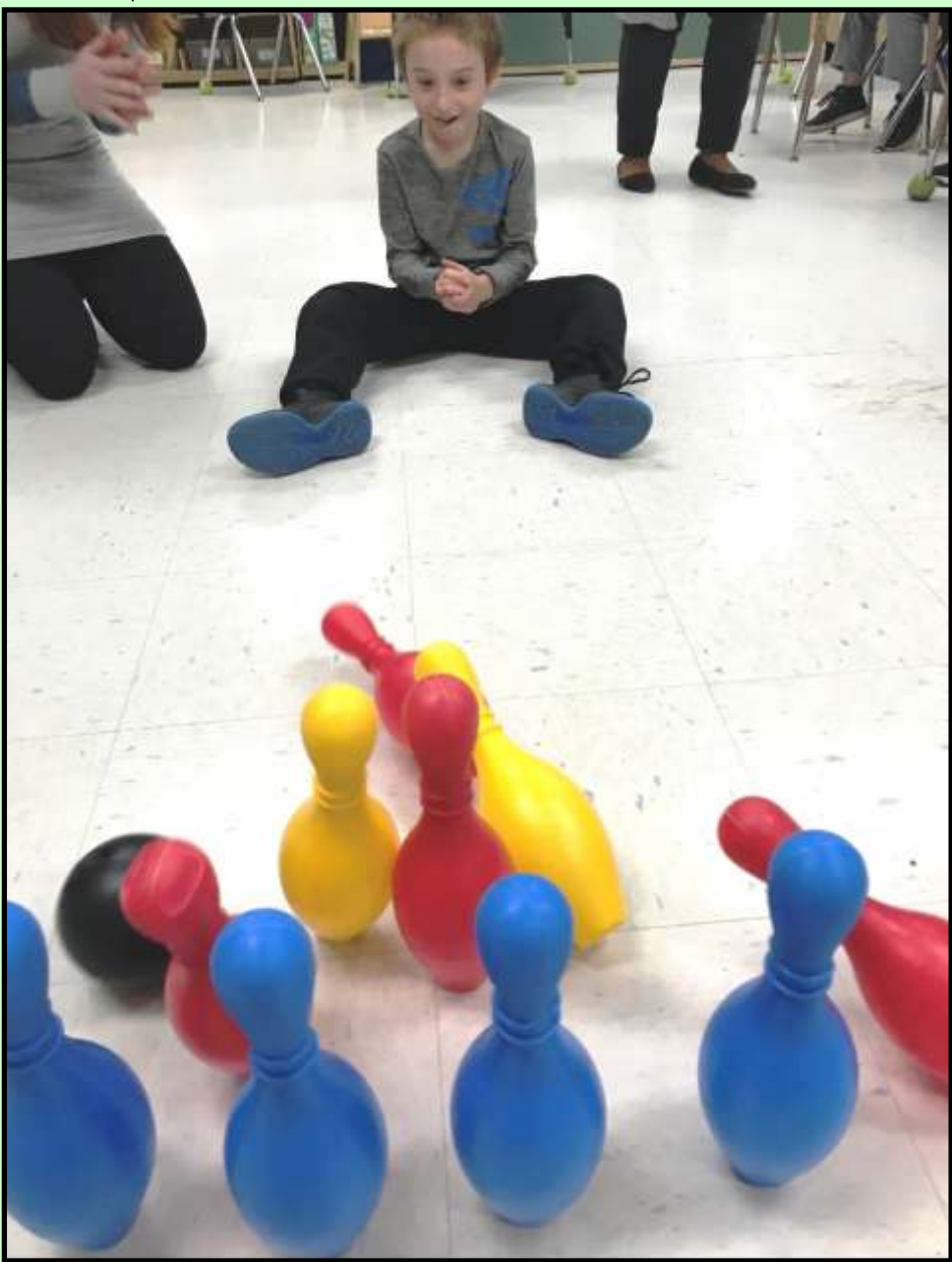


kind, caring, empathetic brother who loves to play with Anthony.

At home, Anthony loves watching Discovery Dinosaurs and the movie Coco. He loves music, swimming, and shooting hoops with his brother and sister.

According to his teacher, Miss Shaunna, Anthony is a sweet energetic child whose smile and laughter can light up a room. He enjoys participating in group lessons and taking turns on the SMART Board. He loves listening to and swaying along to music.

Anthony enjoys running around on the playground and is always excited to go to gym where you can find him bouncing the basketball and shooting hoops; just like at home!







Once again Little Village is the sweetest school in town! Many thanks to **Lily Caruso, Nicole Lopez, Mary Russell** and the Bake Sale committee for all of their hard working in putting together such a special day! Thank you to all of our families for donating so many delicious items for the sale.

An extra special thank you to **Chauncey Watt's Aunt Marsha Marcia** and his entire family for pitching in to bake an overwhelming donation of beautifully decorated cakes for the sale. Our Little Villagers enjoyed shopping also!







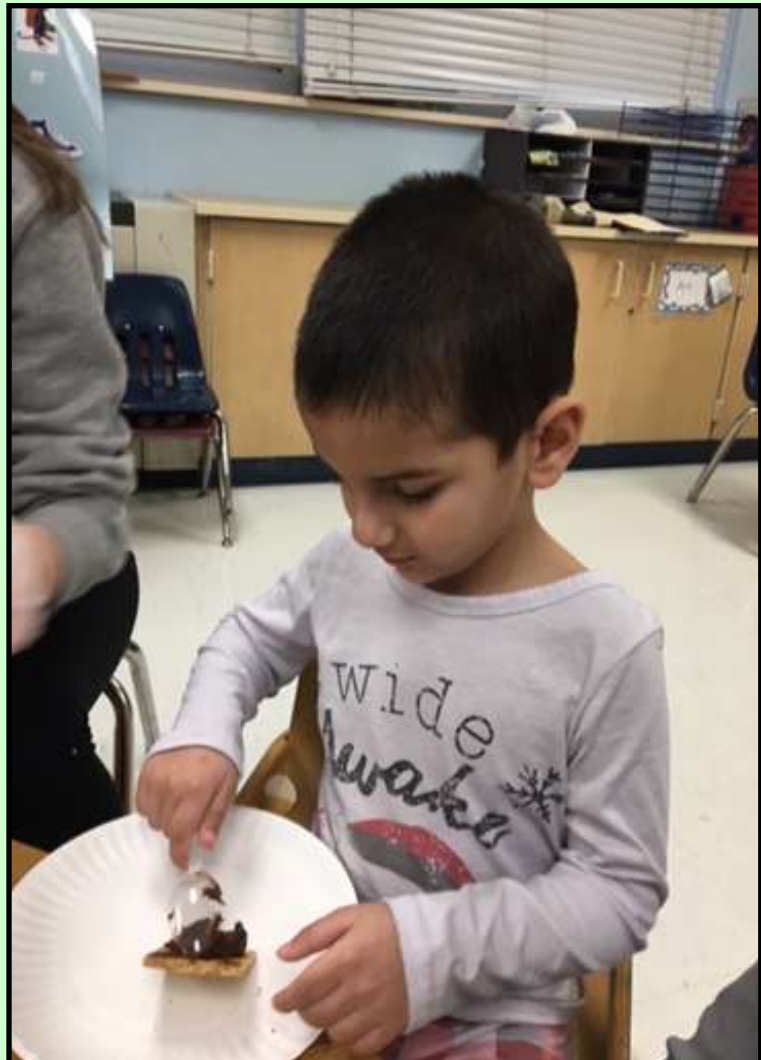
Thanks to chairs **Jessica Hankee**, **MaryAnne Hyland**, **Mary Russell** and the Bingo Committee for hosting another successful Winter Bingo Night.

Many thanks to **Vin Causeman** (pictured on right with HLVS Parent Association President **Mary Anne Hyland**), an alumnus parent, who entertained our attendees for the evening!



# Room 6pm Hibernating With the Bears!

Teacher **Denise Zahakos** and the students in Room 6pm wrapped up “*Hibernation Week*” with some fun activities. The children came to school in pajamas and brought their favorite stuffed animals. They made “Bears in a Cave”, a special treat that the children really enjoyed. After their snack, the children settled in for a “winter’s sleep” in their “cave”!





## Room 64 Having Fun With Winter!

Teacher **Shari Orinstein** and the students in Room 64 were having fun learning about winter activities such as sled riding and ice skating.

The children enjoyed making sleds and pulling a toy on it as well as skating on wax paper skates.



### Free Legal and Financial Seminar

On Monday, April 1, 2019 **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 dads. Their personal experience and professional expertise enable them to help parents navigate estate planning to best serve the interests of each special needs child.

Some topics of discussion will 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](mailto:Janet.mouliere@littlevillage.org).



Save  
the  
date



Little Village Fashion  
Show!!

Thursday April 18, 2019

Crest Hollow  
Country Club

8325 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury, NY 11797

Contact  
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## Room 222 Learns About Winter

Room 222 has been busy learning all about winter! Co-Teachers **Pam Trugman, Trish Testani** and the students worked together to make snow that they used in their sensory bins to find hidden pictures. They also painted with colored ice to make beautiful works of art and turned a water bottle into a snowman!

The children also became scientists and conducted an ice experiment where they discovered that salt makes ice melt. They also experienced hands on how polar bears stay warm in the winter and learned where bears, snakes, ladybugs and bumble bees hibernate.

