

'nChaiLights

What Do Teachers Do On Winter Break? E-Day, Drum Circle, and Pin Art!



At the NEMJDS, two of our pillars are family and creativity, and those came together over Winter Break! Over Winter Break, our teachers and administrators had their own special NEMJDS arts day! Our faculty gathered together to have a drum circle with Ms. Rottembourg and work on an art project with Morah Sari. This wasn't just for teachers and staff though, people brought their families! Our team and their loved ones (like Ms. Abolafia's mother and Ms. Cohen's daughter) had the chance to participate in the fabulous arts the NEMJDS has to offer. Participating and creating was a treat for the adults in our building, who often only get to hear the beautiful music Ms. Rottembourg and our students create and see the creative projects Morah Sari develops for the students!

In addition, our teachers had their own E-Day! Teachers all identified an area in which they are interested and learned and shared a recap. Many of our teachers listened to Ted Talks from Sir Ken Robinson (who is coming to town and the NEMJDS is a sponsor!) For example, Ms. Chessin listened to and reflected on Ken Robinson's TED Talk "Bring on the Learning Revolution!" The main idea of the talk was that as a society we must "revolutionize" education so that personal strengths and talents are



encouraged. Ms. Gresham focused on processing speed of students through various articles. Ms. Lichter enhanced her understanding of literacy through the workshop model by participating in a virtual orientation, and Ms. Crapia focused on cultivating abstract understanding and embracing digital curriculum. And the list goes on! As a faculty, we collaborate and share daily, and we love that we could start 2017 by sharing our own learning to better the school!