



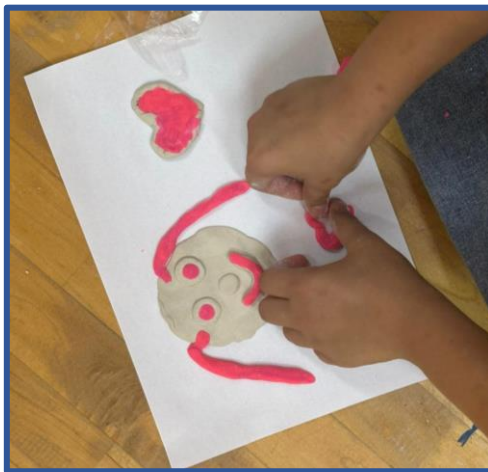
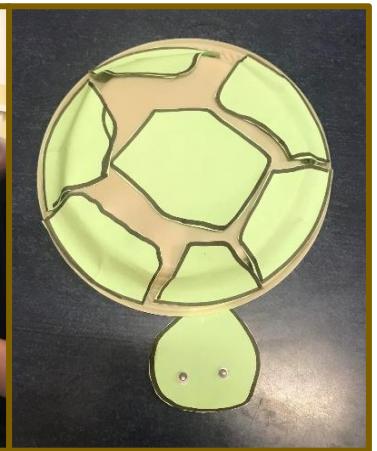
Winter 2024

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Getting Crafty at SCC

Creating something beautiful brings joy to children. Central to the artistic process is reaching beyond the confines of daily fears to find sources of stimulation and inspiration. At the Spafford Children's Center (SCC) for two hours, twice a week, for four weeks, children in three age groups have the opportunity to work with paints, pencils, and clay to witness art emerging from their own hearts and hands. Palestinian families in Jerusalem endure the daily stress and humiliation of searches and interrogations. At the SCC they find a haven of calm where imaginations thrive and flourish. These boys created turtles from cutout paper and plastic plates, while the young girl is experimenting with water colors in the sunny SCC courtyard. Also pictured below are a clay creation, and games that challenge children to improve their dexterity and concentration.



Fundamental Skills at SCC

The English teachers at SCC make it fun to learn English nouns. Children match items hung on a clothes line across the courtyard with a picture and the English word. In another game, children, like this boy, recognize the sound and letter that start the words 'whale' and 'zebra'. As they run around the courtyard clutching their pictures and words, they help each other connect meanings, sounds, letters, and images to new English words.



In the computer lab at SCC, girls work together to understand the complexities of Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. First, they learn how to log on, manage the switch to Arabic or English, and finally create a document. They know that computer skills are fundamental to success in academics as well as business, hospitality, and service careers and they are ready for the challenge. SCC instructors present new tasks each session to advance their knowledge and confidence.

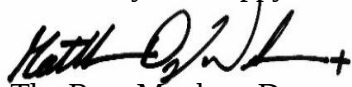


SCC = Trauma Expertise

SCC is a recognized authority on trauma responses and treatment, and regularly shares this knowledge with Jerusalem school teachers concerned by interruptions in their students' abilities to concentrate and learn due to trauma exposure. Some students come to SCC for intensive tutoring in Arabic, English, and math plus therapeutic services. These programs work together to holistically support the children's growth and development.

Below adults and children don face masks and act out events that have scared or upset them. Through psychodrama they are able to release the emotions and begin the process of moving forward in a positive way.

We wish you a happy holiday season,



The Rev. Matthew Dayton-Welch, *Chair*



Wendy Whiting Blome, PhD, *Secretary/Treasurer*

