Marc Chagall

“I and the Village”

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We had a wonderful morning in Mrs. Macauda's class.

After I told the children Marc Chagall's story and we talked about the picture "I and the Village" we made a stained glass window, in the center of each pane is picture representing a favorite memory, from the outside you see only the black pane. While we worked we listened to Jewish wedding music. In this way we incorporated Chagall's use of his childhood memories, his love for love and music, and his work with stained glass windows later in life. I left them two books to look at and a letter writing assignment. They each have a photocopy of the picture with a message Marc Chagall wrote about love on the back to take home.

Attached is a photo of our window. Each child was given a "stained glass window kit" that contained everything pre-cut. From there they had to choose their own color scheme, picture, and how to place it their piece of the window (one is upside down). The symmetry of the stained glass window also tied into a geometry unit they just completed.