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A New < (Angle) on Valentine's Day

Hoboken, NJ February 14, 2007 Mustard Seed School took a new < on Valentine's Day this week. To honor St. Valentine, the school celebrated an "I ❤ Math" Day. It included school-wide math activities, visitors who use math daily at work and for enjoyment, and a guessing game to determine exactly how many m & m candies fit in a 1 liter bottle.

The focal point of the day was a math panel, where 6th, 7th and 8th Graders could ask questions about how three visitors use math in their daily lives. Panelists included Ms Nancy Czesak, an architect and builder at Tishman in NY; Mr. Peter Ko, a trader of credit instruments at Citi and a baseball statistician; and Ms Susan Wieler, a labor economist at the NY Federal Reserve Bank.

At the conclusion of the panel discussion, the panelists joined the m & m guessing game. Despite their acumen, they could not out-estimate the students. Kailah Gonzalez, a 6th Grader from Hoboken, came closest to guessing that 1,058 m & m's (plain, not peanut!) would fit inside the 1 liter bottle.

After the guessing game, the panelists visited all the classrooms throughout the school to have the children explain what they are learning in math and to ask questions of the visitors. The panelists gave a book to each class to remember "I ❤ Math" Day.

Mustard Seed School is an independent school in Hoboken, New Jersey, providing a K-8 education to urban students. The school was founded in 1979 to address the educational needs of the urban community, to stimulate and broaden the experiences of city children, and to educate students in an intercultural, interdenominational Christian setting. Mustard Seed School has an intentional mission to the urban poor.

Mustard Seed School has been recognized as an exemplary elementary school by the U.S. Department of Education.

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