



Live and Learn Early Learning Center

Family News

December 20, 2010

Winter Break

We are **closed** This Friday Dec. 24th-Friday Dec. 31st for the winter break. Please remember that families are still financially responsible for that week as you will see on your invoice.

THURSDAY BOTH SITES CLOSE

AT 5:00pm

Afterschool will close at 5pm on Thurs. Dec. 23rd and we will not run our 5-5:30 program.

Live & Learn Radio has been Updated

Multiple Learning Styles: Fact or Fiction?

Some students are visual learners, some students are auditory learners, and others are kinesthetic learners. Right? Well, maybe not; at least the answer is not quite that simple. Our guests discuss recent research showing that commonly accepted notions about learning styles are wrong. Looks like it may be time to update your understanding of learning modalities.

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It's cold outside!

We go outside EVERY day!

Each child must have:

- ★ Hat
- ★ Mittens (warmer than gloves)
- ★ Winter coat
- ★ Winter boots
- ★ Snow pants

Put your child's name on everything! If they come in without one of these items, we will give them one of our borrows!



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If we need to close due to weather:

We will send out emails, have it announced on the radio (WHEB, WOKQ, WTSN, and WERZ), and on Channel 9 TV. If you do not have hourly access to one of these modes of communication please let us know so that we can put you on a need to call list for the future.

Staff Updates

Welcome Courtney! The toddler room is so glad that Courtney is coming onto the Live & Learn teaching staff at the end of her first internship. Courtney will be also completing her second internship in Younger preschool.



The end of the semester has us all saying sad goodbyes to our Interns Gretchen and Amy. Thanks to both of them for playing with us all fall. Lauren also bid her farewell as she heads off to complete her Internship as a Music teacher. Her energy and ideas will be sadly missed by the Afterschool.

Way to go Dave!

You went above and beyond this year to make the winter wonderland walk and stay and play a huge success! Thank you for all your hard work and creativity! We had a blast!



Family Fun!



- ★ Dec. 31st, New Year's Eve Celebration at the Children's Museum of NH, 10am-3pm!
- ★ Jan. 15th, Books Alive! Meet Max the Bunny! At the Children's Museum of NH!

INFANT CLASSROOM:

What we did last week:

This week we listened to lots of holiday music on our new CD player! We also painted “snowy” pictures, made contact paper art, and colored beautiful masterpieces! It was great seeing all of the families at the stay and play!



♥ Thank you to the Briggs family for donating another CD player to our classroom!



TODDLERS

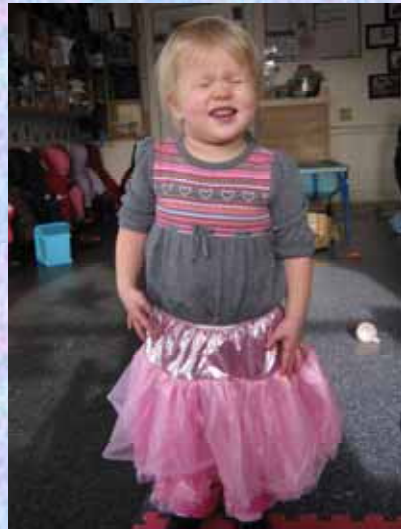
What we did last week:

We did lots of rhythm songs, played ring around the rosie, painted ornaments to take home and read lots of books! The younger group also painted with trains and brushes, made garland out of circles and paper towel tubes, practiced using scissors, made playdoh and made a sticky paper snowstorm! The older group read The Gruffalo and made gruffalo pictures to hang in the entry way! We also painted with small brushes and red and green paint, wrote letters and explored rice in the sensory table!

- ♥ Thank you to the Pinsonnault family for rice for our sensory table!
- ♥ Thank you to the Henderson family for beans for our sensory table!
- ♥ Thank you to Kasey Dillon for coming in and making ornaments with us!

Pajama Party!

Toddlers is having a PJ party this Thursday Dec. 23rd! Come to school in your PJs and we will make pancakes and read The Night Before Christmas!



YOUNGER PRESCHOOL

What we did last week:

It was another week of crazy weather! One day we went outside to play in rain gear, the next day we were in snow pants! We've been having fun tumbling on the mats in the gym! We've been working hard on making some Christmas presents. We've also been very interested in doing puzzles and have spent a lot of time putting together some of the new puzzles that Debbie got out! We continue to practice our letters, both recognizing and writing them! We even made kites since the letter of the week was "K"! We're also loved seeing Santa at the stay and play last Thursday!

Pajama Party!

Younger preschool is having a PJ party this Wednesday Dec. 22nd! Come to school in your PJs and bring your favorite book to share!

Thank you to Danielle C. for donating an awesome floor pillow to our classroom!



OLDER PRESCHOOL

What we did last week: We have been very busy making decorations to take home! We made some beautiful winter pictures that are displayed on our fence! We have enjoyed our new stories, include some story tapes! We had fun doing our random act of kindness to Jo! We cleaned up the area by the barn– Jo was very surprised and happy! We love you Jo! What an awesome job preschool has done with cleaning up “lickety split”! We have worked very hard on following directions and using our listening ears! We have activity mats that we use with small bins of toys. Dave, thanks for making our stay and play so magical– each year it is more amazing!



KINDERGARTEN

What we did last week:

We worked on our Kindergarten town. We even spray painted some of our houses gold! We made Rudolphs out of paperbags and cut out our handprints as antlers! What a fun way to practice our fine motor skills! We hunted for foxtails and Queen Anne's lace for tree ornaments! We even figured out that sunflower stalks made great vases! We also made a special surprise– we can't tell you what it is yet but you'll find out next week!



Wish List:

We would love some scrap paper for our classroom– oh how we love to draw!!!! We would also love some empty milk and juice cartons, baskets,

Early Release

This Thursday, December 23rd!

- ♥ Thank you to Will Smith for giving us punch balloons! We had a blast practicing our hand/eye coordination! What a fun way to master that skill!
- ♥ Thank you to Chloe Hawkes for giving us a special Christmas treat!



♥ Thank you to Camden Tucker for donating so many wonderful new art supplies!

♥ Thank you to Sheila Ryan for coming with us on our field trip! We loved your company!



BEFORE SCHOOL & AFTERSCHOOL

What we did last week:

We made ornaments, we made edible decorations for the birds, played dodgeball, and did a parachute challenge! Some of us took a field trip to the main site to help with the winter wonderland walk! One more week until Christmas!

BIG Thanks!

- ♥ To Meggie for bringing in supplies to make bird feeders to hang up during our field trip!
- ♥ To the Memmesheimers for donating spare clothes to kindergarten

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Before School Reminder!!!

We go outside EVERY morning! Please send your children with a hat and mittens in their backpacks so that they can stay warm! Thank you!

