



## Live and Learn Early Learning Center

### Family News

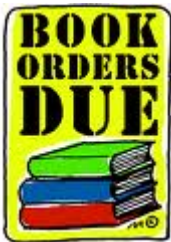
December 6, 2010

#### It's getting chilly!

Please remember to bring in a hat, warm coat and mittens for your child everyday!

Please label everything!!!!

Thank you!



Scholastic Book Orders are due by Thursday Dec. 9th!

#### Child Check Clinic

For children from birth to age five for whom there is a developmental concern. More details TBA (tentatively scheduled for Dec. 17th). For more information, email Laurie Grant at [lgrant@slc.k12.nh.us](mailto:lgrant@slc.k12.nh.us).

There is a child check clinic for SAU #44 (Nottingham/Northwood/Strafford) on December 10. It's for children birth to age five from 9am to 1pm, by appointment at the Step by Step Preschool. Contact is Jenn Okenquist, 942-8101. Screenings will be administered for: Speech and language, fine and gross motor skills, cognition and hearing and vision.

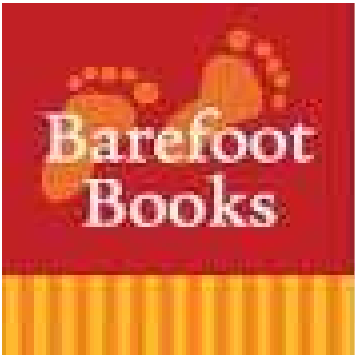
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#### Winter Break

We are closed Friday Dec. 24th-Friday Dec. 31st for the winter break. Please remember that families are still financially responsible for that week!

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



## Look in your mailbox for a flyer!

Order barefoot books by Dec. 15th (you can order online or give the order to L&L). Live

& Learn will receive 25% of the profits from the sales! Heather Mangold will do her best to fill orders by Christmas. You may order online or contact her directly at [www.livingbarefoot.com](http://www.livingbarefoot.com), [living.barefoot@live.com](mailto:living.barefoot@live.com) or 603-512-6674.

## 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.

## WINTER STAY & PLAY

The annual winter stay & play will take place at Live & Learn on Thursday Dec 16th from 3-5:30pm. Rumor has it there may be a special guest.!

## The Holidays are coming!

Here is a super cool website to look at and get some wonderful ideas for creative, inexpensive holiday gifts!

Check it out:

<http://www.commercialfreechildhood.org/holidayguide/home.htm>

## Holiday Tree

Some of you may be thinking about what to do for your child's teachers for the holidays. The staff has requested that in lieu of individual gifts for each teacher they would love gifts for the classroom instead. Each classroom has placed ornaments on the tree in the entryway with holiday gift wishes written on them for families that are willing and able (please feel no obligation to take one). The classrooms would also love the gift of your time in the classroom (come read a book, share a special talent, or just come play) or a special snack or homemade gift.!



# INFANT CLASSROOM:

## **What we did last week:**

This week we worked hard on our special holiday gifts! We also read lots of books and sang many songs! We explored empty boxes and hats from the dress up area! We all had a great week back after a long weekend at home!

## **Thank You!**

**To Danielle and Adlie for our new naptime CDs!**



# TODDLERS

## **What we did last week:**

The younger toddler group made tissue paper trees to hang in the classroom, made glitter glue paintings, did lots of dancing and went for a walk in the woods! The Older toddler group played with beans in the sensory table, made a chart about what they ate for Thanksgiving, and painted popsicle sticks! Both groups painted ornaments to go on the tree in the entry way!



# YOUNGER PRESCHOOL

## What we did last week:

This week we worked on our holiday gifts for our moms and dads. We've been practicing letter recognition and writing! We've also been enjoying reading new stories about snow! Sadly we said goodbye to Tanious this week- we'll miss you Tanious! We also did some water color painting, lots of drawing, and exploring in the kitchen and sensory table!

Thank you to Ani and her family for making pancakes and bringing them in to share for snack!

Thank you to Kelli for bringing in a snack that her uncle brought from China!

Thanks again to the Leavitt family for our new kitchen set and food!

**WE LOVE IT!**



# OLDER PRESCHOOL

**What we did last week:** What a fun week we had! We are getting excited about the holidays and making some beautiful decorations for our homes and our classrooms! We finished our Flat Stanley story and are deciding what to read next. We made some beautiful holiday wreaths by tracing our handprints! We have some wonderful drawings that we made with oil pastels. We always enjoy our walks and exploring in the woods– we never know what we will find next!



# KINDERGARTEN

## **What we did last week:**

We started building a Kindergarten town with recyclables!! Stay tuned for the finished product! We also stacked tree cookies on the crooked tree to see if we could emulate the picture we saw in the Andy Goldsworthy book. Also, Brie brought in her Macbook and we played photo booth– it was hysterical!

## **Snack Containers**

We have accumulated a number of lunch/snack containers in our classroom. If you are missing some, please see a teacher, we probably have it! Also, please remember to label plastic containers so that we can return them to you! Thanks!



## **BIG Thank You!**

- ♥ Sammy Robar's family brought in tennis balls for our chairs!
- ♥ Cooper's family brought in a CD to share! We loved it!
- ♥ Sonia's family brought in a volcano kit for Kindergarten to explore!
- ♥ Timmy shared cupcakes with Kindergarten for his birthday– they were yummy!
- ♥ Liz brought in a stuffie and small pencils for Kindergarten!



## **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, and yoga balls !

# BEFORE SCHOOL & AFTERSCHOOL

## What we did last week:

This week afterschool made some cards to congratulate Pete and Alicia on the birth of their newest baby, Luci! We also decorated ornaments to put on the wish list tree at L&L, tested our skills at Mega Marbles, and hung out at Gretchie's Group! We played many games of "Ghost in the Graveyard" and made some beautiful snowflakes!

## 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!**

**Wish List:** We would love a cork-board to post important info and events to help us better communicate with families!

## BIG Thanks!

- ♥ To Skyler for donating clothespins for team-building games!
- ♥ To Colleen for donating the gift certificate to Usborne Books that she won in a raffle!

