



Live and Learn Early Learning Center Family News

December 19, 2011

Dates to Remember

- ★ Both sites close at 5pm on Friday Dec. 23rd.
- ★ We are closed for cleaning and training from Dec. 26th-Jan. 2nd. We reopen again on Tues. Jan 3rd!
- ★ Our January staff meeting was moved from January 10th to the 11th!

WINTER STAY & PLAY

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our annual holiday celebration! We LOVE it when you come to play with us!



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We got re-certified as a nature explore classroom! There are now 100 certified nature explore classrooms in the nation and Live & Learn is the only certified nature explore classroom in NH! Check it out! Follow this link and click on view classrooms.

<http://www.arborday.org/explore/100Classrooms.cfm>

Staff News

Congratulations to Danielle, Nicole and Lauren who have all successfully completed another semester of college while working. Lauren and Nicole have completed their AS degree in Early Childhood.

Hats off to many of our teachers who invest the Saturdays and evenings to train other teachers. We have had teachers

training at Early Learning NH, Alliance for Better ChildCare, Children in Nature Conference and here at Live & Learn. Thank

you for representing Live & Learn and helping to grow quality early childhood education state wide.



It's Family Conference Time!

The student portfolios, journals and/or evaluations are worked on all year and it is now the time of year to be able to chat with a teacher about your child's strengths and progress, so far this school year. These are merely statements of the teacher's observations in the classroom, and are not intended to compare one child against another. If you want a conference with your teacher at this time, please fill out the form emailed to you earlier last week. Because we have to schedule someone to cover the teacher's class while your conference is being held, this is the reason there are only specific times available. The office is the only place conference can be scheduled. Please see the office if you are not able to schedule a conference at any of these times.

Family Dinner Chat

Save the date! We invite you all to join us on Monday January 23rd to discuss managing money in tough times. We are offering childcare and dinner! This free event will happen from 5-7. If you would like more information, please talk to Jo!

There are updated pictures on the web and the 2012 calendar is posted! Check it out!

We're making a cookbook!

Live and Learn is planning a cookbook fundraiser for this spring. Please feel free to email any recipes you think would be a great addition to our cookbook to Jo at livlrn2@comcast.net!

If Live & Learn is Closed due to bad 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.

Infants:

This week the infant class has been enjoying sand and water, wearing silly hats, and looking in the mirror! We went outside several times!

Thank you so much very
sending your
children
in prepared!



Thank you to the Fallon family
for your donation of disinfecting
wipes! It was wonderful seeing
families who took part in our
stay and play; it's great to see
how you play with your baby!!!

Toddlers:

We did a LOT this week! The younger group made model magic monsters, did colored rice art, practiced using pencils, made butter, played in foil, and made cookies! We also did lots and lots of dancing and singing! The older group strung beads to make candy canes, did snowstorm paintings, played in rice, made more ornaments, and listened to lots of audio books! On Friday Dec. 23rd



we are going to make breakfast for snack and dress in our jammies! Thank you to Adlie's family for the huge bag of rice and thanks to Grace's family for the delicious cookies!

Younger Preschool:



Many of our friends have been out sick this week. We talked a lot about what we can do to stay healthy. Doing things like covering coughs and washing our hands a LOT really help! We continue to work on our holiday gifts. We made snowmen and talked about the shapes we used to make them. We also used magnifying glasses to study pieces of nature in the sensory table. We also built with wood cookies, learned about Hanukah, and continued

to play with puzzles! We will be having a cooperative lunch next Friday Dec. 23rd. Have a great weekend! **Thank you to Debbie for the shaving cream and Michelle for the cleaning wipes.**



Older Preschool:

We had a very, very busy week! We made cookies for the stay and play and have been very busy working on gifts.



We talked about Hanukah and how people celebrate. We each made our own Star of David—they are beautiful and we each did our own interpretation.

We also had so much fun playing with the ramps and making some very cool structures!



Singing Christmas songs and decorating paper trees and candy canes were some of our favorite activities this week. We are always discussing how it is wonderful to think of others during the holiday season. We love walking in the woods and finding things like mini pinecones and how the woods are changing. We are so excited for our community lunch on Wednesday. Please remember, your child does not need to pack a lunch on this day! **Wish List: We would love baby food jars with lids!**



Kindergarten:

Kindergarten had a busy week finishing up our 3-D castle projects and getting in the Holiday spirit through crafts and decorations! We even had a visit from Santa at this week's stay and play! We've been working hard on our literacy goals! Take the time to see how well I used my phonemes this week! Thank you to all the families bringing great presents in for the classroom!



Kindergarten loaded up the holiday tree with our Holiday wishes. Thanks ahead of time for your generosity!

School Age:

This week Afterschool made a special trip to visit Santa! We were all so excited to see him! We also had a "snowball fight" in the gym, wrote some scary stories, and played boys vs. girls dodgeball. Look for our special holiday gifts coming out next week! Thank you so much to the Thompson family for donating some great puzzles to us! Also, a huge thanks to the Drake family for our new awesome soccer ball!

Please remember to bring in the items you signed up for so that we can make our super special holiday gifts!

