



Live and Learn Early Learning Center

Family News

February 28, 2011

Boston Red Sox

It's time for another bus trip!

When: Tuesday August 2nd!

Where: Meet at Live & Learn and take a coach bus to Fenway Park!

Why: a Live & Learn fundraiser and opportunity for our families to play together!

Cost: \$55 gets you a ride to and from Fenway and a ticket to the game! Tickets are first come first serve!

Who: this is open to Live & Learn families, staff, and friends! Let's try to fill the bus!



Thanks for the books!

Thank you to the Memmesheimer and Plourde families for their generous donation of books to the center!

Dates to Remember

- **We are closed Friday March 25th:** Several staff members will be presenting at and attending the ABC (Alliance for Better Childcare) Conference in Portsmouth.
- **We are closed Friday April 1st:** We are closed so that our staff may attend the MassAEYC (Assoc. for the Education of Young Children) Conference. The date of the conference got changed from April 15th to April 1st so this is a change to the original L&L calendar. So sorry for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding and patience!

Voting Day

Tues. March 8th, 7am-7pm at the Lee Public Safety Complex.

Town Meeting

Wed.. March 9th, 6:30pm at Mast Way School.

Family Fun

Children's Museum of NH, Dover. Free Family Fun Nights on March 4th and April 1st. For more information and other events, visit the website at www.childrens-museum.org!

USA Jump Rope Region 10 Tournament at Oyster River High School on Saturday April 9th. Admission is free! Visit www.extremeairnh.com for more information!

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Strengthening Families Program for Parents and their Children ages 10-14!

The first of seven sessions starts Tues. March 1st from 5:30-7:30.

“This is a great way to work on communication, peer pressure, setting rules and consequences, and learning an appreciation for the family as a whole.”

Free childcare (for children under age 8) and dinner!

Contact Jessica at Rochester Child Care for more information at 332-9333!

Dates to Remember

- ♥ Tuesday March 1st is IHOP National Pancake Day!
- ♥ March 2 is Dr. Seuss' Birthday and National Read Across America Day! The National Education Association calls for every child to be reading in the company of a caring adult.

[Click here to check out the Dr. Seuss Website for more ideas!](#)

Naptime Pillows & Blankets

We are asking all families to limit what your child brings in to sleep with to what will fit in a shared cubby. Blankets the size of a beach towel work well. Pillow pets are too large for the cubbies and can not be stored in the classroom in bulk as that is a good way to pass lice etc.

Community Partners

Early Supports and Services

*Community Partners promotes optimal growth and development for children birth to age three with developmental delays by providing assessment, therapy, service coordination, education and support to eligible children and families.

*It has been well documented that early intervention can have an effective long range impact on development. The earlier the intervention, the greater the impact.

*For more info check out the flyer in the family resource library or call 603-516-9300, www.comunitypartnersnh.org

Staff Updates

- The entire Live & Learn staff attended a workshop called “When Kids Don’t Play Nice”. Ask them about children’s first hour needs!
- Jo and Sarah presented a teambuilding workshop last Tuesday in Newmarket!
- Jo and Sarah also presented a six hour workshop on working with diverse families for NHAIEYC’s Professional Development Institute.
- Please join us in welcoming Katelyn to the toddler/infant teaching team. Katie was an observational student last semester and is a senior studying ECE at UNH.

Afterschool Artwork!

Check out the easel in the entry-way at the main site to see some of the amazing artwork from afterschool!



INFANT CLASSROOM:

What we did last week: This week we did a lot of painting! We painted with new brushes Melissa brought in for us and we even painted with our feet! We also enjoyed some sensory play with foil and are loving doing puzzles! Cardboard boxes were our favorite toy this week!



← The view from a paper towel roll!

TODDLERS

What we did last week:

We made square paintings, played in floil, and went to visit all of the animals, even Ted's horses! We are also working on making maple syrup! We spent a lot of time outside this week!



♥ Katie and Missy brought in a total of 39 bottles of baby oil for full center use! Darci says, "let there be floil for all"! Thank you Katie and Missy!

YOUNGER PRESCHOOL

What we did last week:

We've been exploring a lot with stethoscopes! We've been doctors to our puppets and even made our own stethoscopes! We learned more about maple tapping, played parachute games, played gym games, and went body sledding! Check out our body tracings hanging up in the classroom too!



Thank You!

- ♥ To Debbie for bringing in toothpaste so that we have some for teeth brushing time!



OLDER PRESCHOOL

What we did last week: We are checking our sap daily and started our sugar maple display! We had a wonderful time when the Robar family came in to show us their baby lamb! We learned a lot about showing sheep at a fair and what is involved in taking care of the little lamb! We made some very cool penguins with a thermometer attached. What a challenge when we had to get from the maple tree to the tunnel mountain without stepping on mud– we could only step on snow! We got very creative using planks and making our own snow path across the mud! Guess what we have every afternoon on our ramp? A beautiful rainbow! This week we learned how to use a hand drill and a screwdriver! We have been sewing fabric together to make pockets and would love some buttons to sew on them as well! We drew our own Rainbow Chicken and read the book “Pete’s Chicken”. What a busy week! We had so many fun things to do and learn!



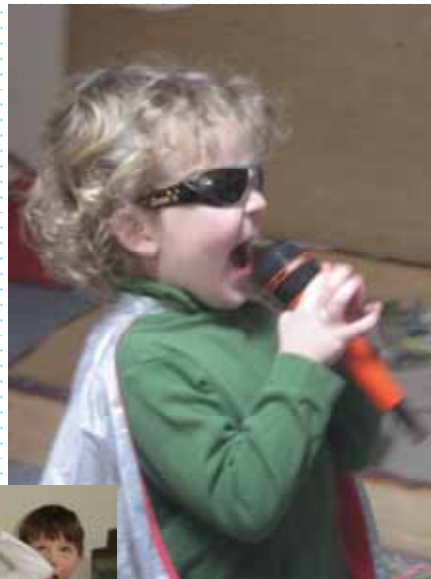
Wish List Items:

- Styrofoam blocks or balls (not meat trays)
- Empty, clean plastic bottles/containers with a twist off top
- Old or empty (but not washed) spice containers for a sensory activity!
- Tools of any kind (woodworking, cooking, office, etc.)
- Assorted fabric to practice sewing with
- Buttons!

KINDERGARTEN

What we did last week:

We painted with....hairdryers! What? Check out our documentation page next week to see what it's all about! Sammy and his grandma brought in a baby lamb for us to see- it was awesome! We also practiced measurement with sap collecting and explored weight with a giant scale!



Wish List:

scrap paper * Cranium Cariboo board game * Vibrating pencils to increase our fine motor skills * Books on CD for rest time!

Thank You!

- ♥ A huge thank you to the Plourde family for our clothespins and dry erase markers!
- ♥ A huge thank you to the Porter family for donating an awesome Disney CD!
- ♥ A huge thank you to the Tucker family for donating lotion tissues to Kindergarten! Our noses thank you too!

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Registration

Moharimet and Mast Way kindergarten and 1st Grade registration packets for next year will be available after March 1st! You can pick them up at the schools!

BEFORE SCHOOL & AFTERSCHOOL

What we did last week:

We had such a fun and busy vacation week! We took a trip snowshoeing up Mt Agamenticus on a gorgeous day! The view from the top was amazing– we could see the ocean and Mt. Washington at the same time! We played a game of Human Clue, had a connect four tournament, and created our own mentoring club! We also visited the Portland Children’s Museum and went swimming at the Dover Indoor Pool! We finished off the week with a PJ and movie day! Wow, what a fabulous week!

1st Grade Registration

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Wish List:

We would love some re-usable forks and spoons, medium-sized jars with lids, and bar soap!



Big Thank You!

- ♥ To Meggie and Shawn for bringing in all the supplies for a Nilla wafer dessert!
- ♥ Thanks so much to Kindergarten for letting us borrow some of their art supplies, games, toys, and backpack and camera!