



## Live and Learn Early Learning Center

### Family News

February 7, 2011

#### Annual Registration Fee

**Due by Feb. 4th**

**\$50 per child**

Your \$50 annual registration fee will be added to your account automatically! Please check your invoice!

#### When Kids Don't Play Nice

**A 2-hour workshop with author and behavioral consultant Jeanine Fitzgerald!**

“Jeanine draws on more than 30 years of professional experience to empower teachers and parents to achieve more with children “at risk.” With experiences as a certified teacher, licensed mental health professional, and mother of three children, she understands the promise of every child, as well as the diversity of their needs.” [www.jeaninefitzgerald.com](http://www.jeaninefitzgerald.com)

**Wednesday, Feb. 9th**

**6-8 pm**

**@Mast Way School**

**Open to the public!**

**Tickets \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door!**

**Register online at [www.abcseacoast.org](http://www.abcseacoast.org)**



#### Need a babysitter for Valentine's Day?

Use Live & Learn! Sign your kids up for a **Kid's Night Out!** Children can stay here while you enjoy an evening to yourself! We will provide dinner and fun! Cost: \$25-30

Date: Mon. 2/14/11, 5-8pm

**Sign up on the clipboard in each classroom! Available to all ages!**

#### President's Day: We are OPEN!

Our 2011 calendar originally said that we would be closed on Mon. 2/21 for President's Day. Given the plethora of snow days so far, we are opting to stay open!

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## L&L Radio Update **Are Children Smarter, Learning More, Sooner?**

Marcy Guddemi, Susan Gelman & Fran Simon

There's a general sense among parents and educators that today's children are smarter, developing sooner and are learning more, faster. Is this actually true and if so what does this mean for the notion of what is developmentally appropriate practice?

As President and CEO of the Gesell Institute, Dr. Marcy Guddemi is a widely recognized expert in early childhood education and assessment. Dr. Susan A. Gelman is a Frederick G. L. Huetwell Professor of Psychology at the University of Michigan. Fran Simon is Chief Engagement Officer of Engagement Strategies, LLC, her own national marketing, social media and publishing consulting company. She has been an early childhood educator since 1981.

## Music and Movement Class

**Free!** Looking for something to do on Monday mornings in Durham? Do you need a unique gift? A kindergarten family kindly donated a gift certificate for an 8-week music and movement class called Sound Beginnings. Come to the office if you are interested! We would love for someone to take advantage of this awesome opportunity!

**WIC** (for women who are pregnant or breastfeeding and infants and children up to age 5!) To apply, call WIC at 603-332-4358.

### **Income guidelines-Effective April 1 2009-March 31 2011**

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
1	\$20,036	\$1,670	\$386
2	\$26,955	\$2,247	\$519
3	\$33,874	\$2,823	\$652
4	\$40,793	\$3,400	\$785

## Family Resource Library Additions

(located to the right of toddler room door)

- ♥ Media and Young Children Action Guide
- ♥ TV and Your Child Fact Sheet
- ♥ Resource Binder (discipline, support services, nutrition, developmental, mental health)

## Family Fun!

- Sleigh rides at Coppal House Farm in Lee! Go to [www.nhcornmaze.com](http://www.nhcornmaze.com) for rates and times!
- Family Mardi Gras Celebration at the Children's Museum of NH in Dover on Sunday Feb. 13th from 12-5pm!

## Looking for media advice?

Check out [www.truceteachers.org](http://www.truceteachers.org)! "Teachers Resisting Unhealthy Children's Entertainment (TRUCE) is a national group of educators deeply concerned about how children's entertainment and toys are affecting the play and behavior of children in our classrooms. "



## Wish List

The children have been loving all the snow this winter! If anyone has any children-sized snow shoes they no longer use, we would love them!

**Book orders are due Feb. 10th**



## INFANT CLASSROOM:

**What we did last week:** This week we did some sensory play in jello! All the babies who were here participated although some of us did not like the texture very much! We also played with tunnels from the gym and bounced on the big ball in the classroom!



# TODDLERS

## What we did last week:

We baked delicious carrot chocolate chip cookies this week! We also mixed colors in the sensory table, explored with foil and shaving cream, made texture paintings, and played with egg shakers and rhythm sticks! We did chalk and water drawings, sticky paper art, and snow play! The older group even did some snow shoeing on the playground!

- ♥ Thank you to Gerry for making us brownies for Dominic's birthday!!!
- ♥ Thank you Katie for bringing in miscellaneous art supplies for toddlers!



## We're taking a field trip! Monday 2/7!



This Monday we are going snowshoeing with some of our Kindergarten friends in the back field at Live & Learn from 3-4pm! If you come to pick up during this time, you can come find us in the field! Also, feel free to join us if you want!



We will keep trying until it happens!



# YOUNGER PRESCHOOL

## What we did last week:

Snow, snow, snow! We spent a lot of time sledding and climbing and playing in the snow! We made bright and colorful octopuses because our letter of the week was "O". We also did yoga, had dance parties, and explored different shapes and colors on the light table. We decorated and Valentine's Day envelopes, did puzzles, and loved playing in our new grocery store in the dramatic play area!

### Wish List:

- Drinkable yogurt containers with the lid!
- A (used but still working) digital camera!
- Empty food boxes for our grocery store!



♥ Thank you to Katie and Debbie for bringing in boxes for our grocery store!



## OLDER PRESCHOOL

**What we did last week:** We finished up our beautiful paintings on canvas for our artist of the week shelves! Other classrooms are invited to come check it out—the children are very proud of their work! Casey and Brynn have both been the artist of the week already and this week it is Luke's turn! We can't wait to start learning about tools! Every job uses tools...do you have tools to share? Let us know! We are also going to play "guess the tool of the week"! We went on adventures to find the snow Yettie and Rainbow Chicken! Then we got a post card from FL and guess what?! It was from Rainbow Chicken!! He went to Florida to get away from the snow! He wants us to make a snow chicken for him when he gets back! We challenge other classes and families to make snow chickens and take pictures of them! We will hang them up for all to see! We are also looking forward to our wintertime science experiments! Have a fun weekend in the SNOW!



# KINDERGARTEN

## What we did last week:

We had a busy week working with the letter 'C' using tiles, shaving cream and participating in a letter hunt! We also talked about what makes for happy & healthy hearts, learned about hibernation, and explored symmetry through painting! Thursday we went on an amazing field trip to a farm—ask us about it. It was so fun! We have been outside lots sledding and tromping in the snow—we have climbed snow piles that are even taller than our teachers.

- ♥ Thank you to Liz for the new books!
- ♥ Thank you Righini family for the containers! It was so nice of you to think of us!

## Wish List:

Dry erase markers \* scrap paper \* clothespins  
\* Cranium Cariboo board game \* Vibrating pencils to increase our fine motor skills \*  
Books on CD for rest time



## February Vacation is coming!

Oyster River public schools are closed February 21st-25th. Live and Learn will be offering full day programming during that week. Sign up on the clipboard by **Fri. Feb. 11th.**

If you sign up for a regularly scheduled day, there is an additional \$5 charge per day. If you add a day that you aren't already scheduled for, the charge is \$65 per day.

# BEFORE SCHOOL & AFTERSCHOOL

## What we did last week:

We had so much fun in all the snow! We slid down the slides and experimented with how much snow would make us go the fastest! Griffin gave us a tricky parachute challenge to remind us how to use our team-building skills! We came really close to completing it and learned a lot about strategy, listening, cooperation, and managing our emotions! We also had an amazing 80's dance party in the gym! Welcome to our new teacher Beccy!

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## Wish List:



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



♥ Thank you Shawn for getting After-school a cool new track for our race cars– the kids love it!!

