



Live and Learn Early Learning Center Family News

January 2, 2012



Welcome Back! Happy New Year!

Dates to Remember:

- ★ 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 Tuesday January 10th to Wednesday January 11th!
- ★ Monday Jan. 16th– We are closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- ★ Kids Night Out Jan. 13th 5-8:30 pm!
- ★ Jan. 23rd– Family Dinner Chat: Managing \$ in Tough Times! Free! Dinner and childcare provided!



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.

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Check out the pictures from the Winter Stay and Play up on the corkboard in the entry way!



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.

Live, Learn, and Dance!

Sign up for an exciting opportunity for your child to grow and move creatively through dance! Sign up for our two 10-week sessions for \$170 or for one week at a time for \$15 per week! Please sign up in the office! Any questions– Sarah can help!!

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!

Infants:

This week infants enjoyed sensory play with sand, paint, and cattails! We learned two new songs and continue to develop fine motor skills practicing movement to songs we already know! Our younger group explored their



hands and enjoyed mirror time and turn-taking with cooing conversations!

Thank you all for your generous holiday gifts!

Toddlers:

This week we made cranberry relish and more ornaments! We played outside and explored our colored rice. We also practiced taking care of babies and making cookies in our dramatic area!



Thank you to all of our families for the awesome holiday presents! Thanks to Lauren for our two new algae eaters and a snail! We

are hosting another Kids Night Out on January 13th from 5-8:30pm! We will be taking a field trip to see a UNH Women's Hockey game! Save the date!

Younger Preschool:



We have been busy working on holiday gifts this week. We've also been doing some open-ended art projects and dramatic play continues to be a favorite place to visit in younger preschool. Our friends have shown an increased interest in puzzles lately. We have introduced floor puzzles and it takes a lot of patience, communication, and teamwork

to put it together.

Thank you to all of the families who brought in holiday gifts– we really appreciate it!



Older Preschool:

What a busy week we had getting ready for the holidays! We celebrated not only Christmas but Hanukkah and the Night of the Wooden Shoes. We made latkes with Dave and learned how to play Dreidel games. We got all our gifts we made ready to send home.



Our community pizza lunch was a great success– thank you to everyone! We made candy can cookies with Gerry, decorated ornaments with Nicole and played floor hockey with Peter. Happy Holidays from Older Preschool!



Kindergarten:

Wow— what great energy this week! We celebrated the winter solstice by reading a book called *The Night Tree* then made popcorn chains and pine cone bird feeders to decorate our own night tree to celebrate the coming of winter. We also had a great story told to us by Shawn the Storyteller. Finally we ended the



week with PJ day and hot cocoa!



Thank you again for your generous gifts to our classroom and teachers— we appreciate it!



School Age:

This week Afterschool was in extreme gift-making mode! Thanks again for your donations, families! We had an amazing celebration for the winter solstice and toasted to a wonderful new year together! We also enjoy some gooey clean mud on Monday! Happy Holidays everyone!



Thanks so much for all the awesome holiday gifts from our amazing families! You are so generous!