



Live and Learn Early Learning Center Family News

October 3, 2011

Family Fun!

- Deerfield Fair from Sept. 29th through Oct. 2nd!
- Touch-A-Truck on Saturday Oct. 15th, 10am-2pm at Pease International Tradeport in Portsmouth!
- TRICK OR TREAT in Lee, Sunday Oct. 30th, 5-7pm

**BOOK ORDERS
ARE DUE MONDAY
10/3/11!**

**We are
CLOSED
Monday 10/10
for Columbus
Day!**

**Please take the
time to fill out
a parent survey
if you haven't
done so
already!**

Picture Day

Whew! We did it! Thank you so so much to the families who brought their children in for pictures. Your patience and understanding was much appreciated as we were a bit off schedule! Pictures should be ready by Thanksgiving at the latest!

October is NH Parent Involvement in Education Month! Visit www.NHParentsMakeTheDifference.org to learn more!

Looking for Vendors!

Are you a crafty person or you know someone crafty? We are looking for a few more people to be vendors at our annual holiday shopping night on November 17th! We are looking for things like pottery, honey, reusable snack bags, canned goods, etc. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please let us know! Thanks!



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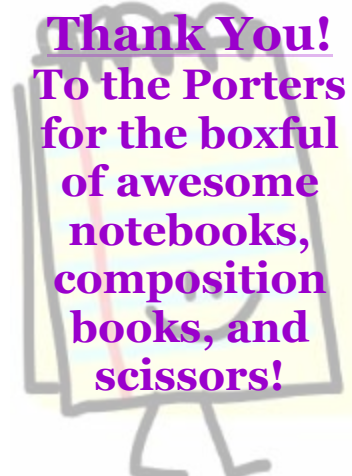
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To the Porters
for the boxful
of awesome
notebooks,
composition
books, and
scissors!**



Kids Night Out!

Friday October 21st from 5-8pm! Please sign up by Monday 10/17! The toddler teachers will feed, play with, and care for your children while you have a night off! The cost is \$25 for toilet users and \$30 for children in diapers!



Staff Updates

- Jen from infants has decided to pursue a career closer to her new home. She promises to come back to visit and thanks all of the infant and toddler families for allowing her to be a part of your lives!
- We would like to welcome Stacey Abbott who is joining the Live & Learn team. Stacey holds a BS degree and has years of experience in early childhood centers and running a foster home while raising her own family. Her application has been on file with Live & Learn waiting for the perfect fit. We are so fortunate that the time is right now.
- Several preschool and kindergarten teachers attended an optional training last Tuesday to learn about a program called "Handwriting Without Tears".
- The Early Learning NH annual conference happened on Sat. 10/1. Nicole and Joe D. attended the conference and Johanna, Gerry, Peter, Missy, Katie, Bridget Dave and Shawn all presented at the conference!

Scholastic Book Fair

Our annual scholastic book fair will be happening on the week of Oct. 10th. We will be having a separate fundraising event on Nov. 17th that will include discovery toys, barefoot books, etc. as we get closer to the Holiday season!

L& L Soccer Players

If you have a soccer ball at home, please bring it with you on Thursday! Thanks!

Speech & Language Screening

Thursday 10/6/11

9am at Live & Learn

Registration forms were put out in family mailboxes last week. If your child is age 3 or older and you would like to get them screened, please return the completed form with a check for \$25.

Medication Safety for Your Child

Tuesday Nov. 22nd 5:30-7pm

@ Live & Learn

By: Jennifer Towle, Pharm. D. Candidate 2012
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This workshop is designed to help parents and care providers navigate through the world of nonprescription medications and help establish a discussion about medication safety with your child. The main focus will be on nonprescription medications however many of the areas we discuss can be applied to all medications. Topics to be covered include: reading drug facts labels, medication dosing, proper disposal of medications, and creating a plan in case of accidental exposure. During this session she will talk about her visit to the CFDC preschool classroom for medication safety training and how this could be applied in our center. *This is a mandatory event for staff but also open to families to attend! Please join us! We cannot provide child care since this is a mandatory event for our teachers. Sorry!*

Infants:

This got a sandbox on our playground this week! Thank you so much Joe Drake! We were all very sad to say good-bye to an amazing teacher this week. Good luck, Jen! We also did stamping and explored applesauce! Yummy!

We want to welcome a new teacher to our classroom! Stacy will be our new lead teacher starting on Monday and we are so excited to work with her and get to know her more!



Toddlers:

This week we went on so many walks! We fed the barn animals, painted, stomped in the rain, and did a sink and float experiment! We also got our pictures taken and welcomed at least 20 baby fish into our classroom fish tank!

Wish List: We would love some shaving cream and canned pumpkin for activities.



Younger Preschool:

This week we played with Abby the dog again! We took her on a walk and even gave her a bath! On Tuesday we were lucky enough to go on an apple picking field trip! We loved it! We've also spent a lot of time playing outside! We had races, did obstacle courses and built many different things in the natural



area! We also made some friendship bread and had our pictures taken!



Please remember to check your family mailboxes for important information! The are located right above the lunch box shelf!

Older Preschool:

We had a very busy week! We went on some fun walks in the woods and collected pine cones and pine needles along with acorns. We played a game where one group was animals and the other group was trackers. We had to listen and find clues to track the animals. We also had so much fun making Halloween cookies with Linda and the orange frosting was VERY yummy! We had fun blowing bubbles with Nicole and learning about the letters in our names. With



Pete, we always learn some fun facts about nature and how to play teambuilding games! Gerry loves to read us wonderful stories and we get to do actions to go along with them! We enjoyed seeing Nathan, Bekki and Natalie on picture day!



Wish List: We would love a small photo album or recipe card holder to put index cards in!

Kindergarten:

We continued our journey through the world of apples! After apple picking @ UNH we learned how to make applesauce, bake apple crisp and dehydrate apple chips! We also explored the idea of hibernation through dramatic play, making our own books and creating



our own hibernation plans! Ask me what belongings I'd bring if I were to go to sleep for the whole winter!

We would love favorite family recipes to try so we can incorporate your family's favorite foods into our snack schedule! **Wish List:** We would love some shaving cream, golf-sized pencils, and flip crayons for new literacy projects!

L&L's Halloween Event will be based around children's books. Kindergarten has chosen *Paulie Pastrami Achieves World Peace* as their book! Let us know if you would like to borrow it!

School Age:

We have been having so much fun! We continued our sensory exploration by building jenga towers while blindfolded! Our teambuilding has led us from a game named Boppity Buppity Bumb Bumb Bumb to a fun challenge sending impulses around the circle through each other's hands within 10 seconds! On Friday we made a tasty apple treat that we can't wait to try on Monday at snack time!



There is a staff meeting this Tuesday 10/4/11! Afterschool is closing early at 5:30pm! Please mark your calendar!

Thanks to Meggie for our toad named Smag and getting his home all set for him!

Wish List: We would love 6 hula hoops for our teambuilding adventures!

