



Live and Learn Early Learning Center Family News

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Family Dinner Chat- Come and join us on February 15 from 5-7 for an evening of fun. Liz Ehlert and Liz Fiore will be facilitating a dinner chat on the importance of play! We will be eating between 5 and 5:30 with an informative chat to follow. Child care will be provided.

Live & Learn Radio has just been updated – go to the website to hear: ADHD: Medical Problem? Parenting Problem? Teaching Problem?



Dr. Andrew Adesman & Dr. Peter Breggin with host Rae Pica



Is it possible that ADHD is really the result of poor parenting or misguided teaching? Is ADHD even a legitimate diagnosis, or behavior under specific conditions? This very different views and both make a

have we simply "medicalized" what is typical child issue is far from settled. Our two guests share compelling case. Listen, get the facts, and decide for yourself.

Dr. Andrew Adesman received his Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Adesman is board certified in neurodevelopmental disabilities and also developmental & behavioral pediatrics. Peter R. Breggin M.D., is a psychiatrist in private practice in Ithaca, New York. He is the author of more than twenty books, including *Talking Back to Ritalin: The Ritalin Fact Book*.

February Vacation- 22nd-26th ...public school is closed Live & Learn is open

Muddy Weather- It's that time of year when the ground is thawing making things muddy! Classrooms go outside every day. Your child will get muddy. Please bring in some extra clothes for them to change into.

Kindergarten and First Grade Registration- Starting on March 1st parents may pick up Kindergarten and First grade registration packets at Mast Way (603-659-3001) and Moharimet (603-742-2900) from 8:30-4 Monday-Friday.

Smell on the Playground- There has been a weird sour milk like



smell on the playground both here & Mast Way for a couple of weeks. This is not a problem that pertains only to Live and Learn, it has been smelled in other areas as well. It seems that the combination of freezing and thawing weather has caused the grass/ground under the ice to stink.

Thanks to the Chase family: who donated an amazing wooden kitchen and pans for the children to enjoy for dramatic play.

Live and Learn Fundraiser- Red Sox tickets for \$55 and that includes transportation down to Boston! We have an amazing opportunity thanks to Jay Pinnsonault and his tour business to attend the August 4th game together as a Live &



Learn group. See the office for details.

NAEYC Family surveys- we need at least 50% back for it to count so please fill one out if you haven't already!!

If we need to close early due to the 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.

***New Addition to the Family Resource Library*:**
"Keeping Kids Safe" a guide for grownups from SASS (sexual assault support services), Handouts from SASS-Things to Consider When Working With Children, Behaviors Related to Sexuality for Latency Age Children, Family Structuring to Minimize Misinterpretation, How Children Develop Sexually
Wish List: Kindergarten could use some spare warm hats and mittens and extra pants. The center would love some more snow shoes kid or adult sized for our outdoor adventures. Preschool 2 would love 2 small step stools and a waste basket to put by their desk, tape recorders, flat screen monitors, microscope, plastic chop sticks, puzzles with 20-60 pieces!

Staff Update: All the teachers at Live & Learn attended training by Sexual Assault Support Services to network about prevention curriculum and setting all children up for success. Jo & Sarah trained a local center on Diversity in the classroom.

Webpage: Check out the webpage-there are new pictures up and February calendars!

News from the last week: Infants: We worked hard to make Amber birthday cupcakes. Everyone had a



turn to add ingredients and mix the batter. We also played with play dough and used our shape puzzle. We decorated a box and turned it into a boat and all sorts of other vehicles. **Toddlers:** Together we made pink heart waffles from start to finish! In the older toddler group we spent tons of time outside, even when it was snowing. We also practiced using scissors. In the younger toddler group we did lots of singing and dancing, painted and played with floil! **Preschool Older Group:** This week we had fun exploring the woods and we even found some ice under the bridge and played some ice hockey with Nate. We did an activity with Katie and got to use different kinds of

scissors. We cut many kinds of materials. We have enjoyed using the sensory table and our cinnamon play dough. What a fun and busy week of working on our word walls and word web. Happy Valentine's Day!! **Preschool Younger Group:** We went for a wild walk in the woods; ice skated, made valentines, took Abby for a walk and created some awesome art work with basting brushes. We would love some snow so we can bobsled in honor of the Olympics. **Kindergarten:** We studied the letter V and made and handed out valentines. We made a town out of blocks, did candy heart math, made peanut butter and fluff heart shaped sandwiches for preschool. We have been checking on the greenhouse and we also worked hard on our friendship bracelets. We even wrote our own Polar Bear Polar Bear book and enjoyed our new tree house loft. Thanks again Dave! **Afterschool:** We played a fun new game with Albert called submarine. Kudos to all of the afterschoolers who tried out our fear factor snack. Man those peppers were hot! We loved the obstacle course Shawn set up and, hey, what happened to the snow?

Thank you for sharing your family with us!

