



Live and Learn Early Learning Center Family News

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Family Dinner Chat- Come and join us on February 1 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.

Preschool-Older- If you would like to...please bring in 1 instrument so that we can form a band next week! The kids have been really interested in instruments and forming a band.

February Vacation- 22nd-26th ...sign ups will be out next week through February 12th. Sign ups after that you will be charged the drop in rate.

Book Orders- are in your mailboxes!

Sick Children- if your child is sick the night before, please do not bring them in the next day.

FYI Groundhog Day is an annual holiday celebrated on February 2. According to folklore, if a [groundhog](#) emerging from its burrow on this day fails to see its shadow, it will leave the burrow, signifying that [winter](#) will soon end. If on the other hand, the groundhog sees its shadow, the groundhog will supposedly retreat into its burrow, and winter will continue for six more weeks

Bill Corbett-the winner of the Barnes and Noble gift card is Infants!! Thank you to all of the families and staff that attended.

Dance Sign ups- Dance started Thursday January 21st.

There is still time to sign up if you are interested!

Re-Registration for Summer AND Next Year- Attached last week were the re registration forms for next year! Please fill out and hand into the office by **February 5th** ...if not you will be put on the wait list. In order to maintain you spot in the fall you must register for at least two half days a week over the summer.

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

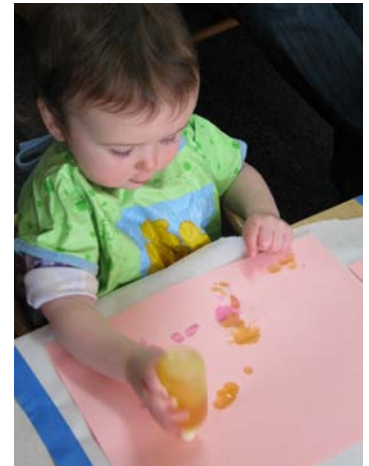
New NH Parenting Magazine-find them in the entry way! This month learn about creative ways to spend a snow day as well as managing your child's disability.

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*:** "Fun With the Family" Vermont and NH-Hundreds of ideas for day trips with kids! By: Lura Rogers Seavey and Barbara Radcliffe Rogers, "While Waiting" by George Verrilli and Anne Marie Mueser

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. **Staff Update:** Meggie and Michelle went to a Growing up Wild training and will be returning with lots of curriculum having to do with the outdoors! Also...check out this link www.earlylearningnh.org and in the right hand column there's a link you can click on to watch the award ceremony for excellence in childcare awards that Nate won!

Please join us in welcoming our new interns Albert in kindergarten and afterschool and Krista in preschool and kindergarten. They are both seniors in the Psychology program at UNH.

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

News from the last week: Infants: We did some really cool things in infants this week. We played with some musical instruments, we painted with some water colors and we welcomed back our teachers/UNH students Kaitlyn, Lindsey and Alisha. **Toddlers:** This week in older toddlers we made colored paste masterpieces! In the younger toddler group we made pink play dough! Together we painted with water colors, played with authentic musical instruments, played in the gym and explored shaving cream and glitter...even on our bellies!



Preschool Older Group: We would like to thank all of the families that took time to come in for a conference. All of us work very hard on your child's portfolio. We enjoy putting gthe together for families to enjoy and have forever. If you couldn't make it don't fret we will have them again in May! We have enjoyed our walks exploring the woods. We have been looking for a yeti, if you spot one let us know but we did find lots of poop, deer, fox, deer on the run poop but not yeti poop. Feel free to come join us on a yeti search. We had fun with science experiments, fake snow and moon sand. We did a lot of

predicting and comparing. We had fun with clay and we did lots of cutting, and working on our fine motor development!

Preschool Younger Group: What a great week the playgrounds have been super icy so we've been taking lots of walks. We've found new places to play and one day discovered deer tracks. We followed them to see where we would go. We've been experimenting with baking soda and vinegar. We've been learning about opposites and things that are different and things that are the same. We've been loving the new soil in the sensory table. We also have done many painting projects this week. **Kindergarten:**



We played relays in the gym and wrote postcards home. We've enjoyed many excursions off the playground to our foxhole, climbing summer camps house, building and twig weaving with them. We practiced the letter L made lunch bag puppets and turned into burritos with Megg. **Afterschool:** This week at afterschool we did a card sort, made igloos, went ice skating, and wrote a play for the talent show! Congratulations to the 4th graders that got parts in the Mast Way play. We explored the ice at Mast Way and did basketball drills!!



family with us!

Thank you for sharing your