



## Live and Learn Early Learning Center Family News

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



### **Thanks to the Chase**

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

**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.

**NAEYC Family surveys-** We are in need of more families to fill out the NAEYC family surveys!! Please hand one in if you haven't already.



### **Recipe of the week(made by toddlers): Carrot Cookies**

½ cup of margarine	1 cup granulated sugar
1 large egg	1 cup cooked mashed carrot
1/3 cup milk	1 tspn vanilla
2 cups all purpose flour	2 tspn baking powder
1 tspn ground cinnamon	¼ tspn salt
2 cups quick cooking rolled oats (not instant)	1 cup raisins

(For a little extra bite try adding ¼ cup of minced crystallized ginger!)

**Directions:** cream margarine and sugar in a large bowl. Add egg. Beat well. Add carrot, milk and vanilla. Beat until smooth. Combine next 4 ingredients in small bowl. Add to margarine mixture in 2 additions, mixing well after each addition until no dry flour remains. Add rolled oats and raisins. Mix well. Drop, using 1 tblspn for each, about 2 inches apart onto greased cookie sheets. Bake in 375 oven for 12-15

minutes until golden. Remove to wire racks to cool completely.



**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 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm game together as a Live & Learn group. See the office for details.

**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.

**\*New Addition to the Family Resource Library\*:** "Keeping Kids

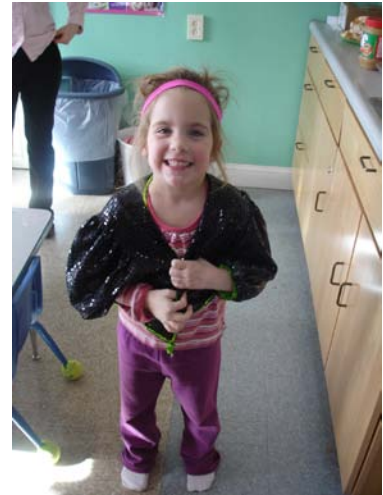


Safe” a guide for grownups from SASS (sexual assault support services), Handouts from SASS-Things to Consider When Working With Children, Behaviors Related to Sexuality for Latency Age Children, Family Structuring to Minimize Misinterpretation, How Children Develop Sexually

**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!

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

**News from the last week: Infants:** We have been having a great time reading big books. Our favorite so far is Good Night Gorilla. We went out and shoveled some paths on the playground. It made walking through the snow so much easier. **Toddlers:** This week we explored



the outdoors a lot! First we explored the sandbox and mud, then the snow and even buried Darci! We also

sang songs, (painted because we love paint) and played with our new diverse dolls. We are so excited that so many of our friends are potty trained! Even the youngest child has had success. **Preschool Older Group:** We have been learning a lot about our feelings. Riley’s mom came in and told us about her job and how she helps people talk about their feelings. Riley and her mom brought in wonderful books that they read to us. We used stamps so we could understand our feelings

better and talk about them. We also use ribbon and clothes pins to let every one know how we feel. We have been playing hockey on the ice by the bridge but that is now covered with snow so we will have to shovel the snow if we want to skate. We have enjoyed using our senses on our walks especially sight.

We thought spring was just around the bend. We gathered pine needles and had fun painting with them. We even tried to write with feathers. **Preschool Younger Group:** Nature walks-Yeah for snow! We’ve been bobsledding and sliding like penguins on our bellies. We loved playing dress up this week and creating our own games. We’ve been doing math projects and lots of building. I think our favorite was a whole morning of finger painting. **Kindergarten:** We made yarn art Ys and yogurt smoothies, explored flaxseed; dry and wet ground and made snowy owls out of hearts. We also began our own winter Olympics! We kicked the week off with ice hockey (thanks for the sticks Dave), ice “skating”, snowshoeing and bobsledding.

Three cheers for Scotty Lago from NH for winning the bronze medal in snowboarding! We also got to try writing with ink and glass pens like in Stuart Little. **Afterschool:** This week afterschool was happy to welcome back Shannon! She was missed! The children worked together to build a giant snow ant with all the new snow. They also played musical mats, built with popsicle sticks, and enjoyed a day off from school!



**Thank you for sharing your family with us!**