

Infant Toddler Enrichment Center

Chit-Chat

Fall/Winter 2010

Dear Parents,

Happy Fall! The children at the infant/toddler program have all transitioned into the program, learning daily routines and exploring their environment. Each day the teachers plan activities that support the children's development, focusing on each child's strengths and stimulate their curiosity by providing hands on experiences.

November is Family Literacy month! Research shows that exposure to early literacy is a key component in reading readiness and success in school. Reading with your young child is a great way to stimulate overall language development, as well as, continue the bond with your child. It is also a wonderful time to begin to nurture a love for reading that will last a lifetime.



Here are some helpful tips on ways to embed literacy into your family routine:

- Set aside time in your child's day to read. Whether it is before bed time or after a nap, it becomes part of your daily routine
- Read a story as a transition into school.
- Make books accessible. Create a home library on a shelf in their room, a drawer in the kitchen, or a basket in the living room. Also, add a few books to your diaper bag or car for those long (or short) trips.
- Infants and toddlers are very tactile and want to touch everything. You may want to start with cloth and board books that are not easy to rip. Board books are also easier for young children to turn the pages.
- Create a family book with photographs and contact paper
- Don't forget to visit your local library

Happy Reading!
Karen



Source: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/familylit/month/month5.html>

Upcoming Closings



Thursday, November 25th & Friday, November 26th for Thanksgiving Break

Friday, December 24th & Monday December 27th for Christmas Break

Friday, December 31st for New Year's Eve

Happy Holidays!

Staff Notes

The Infant/Toddler staff all participated in a High Scope Curriculum training on Staff Development Day, November 11.

We all learned ways to bridge assessment to curriculum!



Teacher in the Spotlight

Ashley Palmer

Ashley started working at the Infant/Toddler program as a high school student, working as an afternoon Teacher's Aide. She went off to college to pursue Early Childhood Education. Ashley came back to Cole-Harrington in February 2006 as an Assistant Teacher. When the program expanded and added the Older Toddler Room Ashley was ready for the new and exciting challenge of becoming a Toddler Teacher!

Ashley recently became Infant/Toddler Lead Teacher certified and is working toward her Child Development Associate (CDA), a Nationally Recognized Credential. The CDA is an assessment process for professionals in the field of Early Childhood and include completing college course, professional development, classroom observations, and an exam. Ashley is excited to showcase her knowledge in the field of infant and toddler development. As Ashley says about working with toddlers, "Every day is different. You never know when you walk in the door what is going to happen!"

This has been a busy year for Ashley. A long time resident of Canton, with a two minute commute, she recently got married and moved to New Hampshire! She is a dedicated member of the Infant/Toddler team of teachers and we wish her the best of luck as she starts her new life!



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Curriculum Corner

The Cole-Harrington Infant Toddler Enrichment Center teachers wanted to share their all-time favorite children's books.

- Ashley *On Top of Spaghetti* by Paul Brett Johnson
Danielle *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* Dr. Seus
Jamie *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin Jr.
Jeanna *Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You?* by Dr. Seus
Jill *Mama Do You Love Me?* by Barbara M. Joosse
Karen *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown
Liz *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* by Eric Carle
Liza *Oh the Places You'll Go* by Dr. Seus
Meg *Alexander and the Very Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* by Judith Viorst
Nicole *Amelia Bedelia* by Peggy Parish and Barbara Siebel Thomas
Rebecca *Sam I Am* by Dr. Seus
Sara *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein



Upcoming Events

November

Tuesday November 23 Multicultural Feast

December

Thursday December 23 Pajama Day

Mark your calendar...Canton Children's Librarian
Story time on Tuesday, December 7 from 10:00-10:30 AM

