

Monthly Newsletter

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Superintendent of Salem School District Coming to The Learning Cooperative!!

The Learning Cooperative has been given a unique and valuable opportunity that we hope all our families will be able to take advantage of.
Mike Delahanty, Superintendent of Salem School District is coming to The Triumphant Cross

Lutheran Church on **Wednesday, March 7, 2012 from 10—10:30am** for a brief presentation as well as conversation and coffee with our families regarding the Salem Schools. We encourage everyone to make plans to attend this fantastic event

even if Wednesday is not your "regular" day. We will have staff and group leaders on hand to entertain the children while you discuss your child's school future. Please show the school district that **PARENTS COUNT AND PARENTS DO CARE!**

Now Registering For Fall 2012

Dates to Remember:

- * Wednesday, March 7th
10-10:30am
Superintendent Visits TLC
- * March 20, 21,22, 2012
Kindergarten Registration

The Learning Cooperative is now registering for the 2012-2013 school year. Join other families and our NH certified and credentialed teachers as we provide positive learning experiences in these important early years to build a strong foundation for success in school. Programs include Morning Preschool

for 2.9—5 year olds, Extended day options, and Enrichment Programs for preschool and kindergarten students. If you know of anyone who has a child who will be entering preschool in the fall or looking for a fantastic afternoon program to supplement their kindergarten experience, be sure to mention The Learning Co-

operative. Those who are interested are welcome to visit TLC, check out our classroom and meet our wonderful teachers.

For more information and new registration packets please contact Ms. Jury.

Limited openings are available so be sure to register early!



Welcome Jeremy and Jaiden!!

We are happy to announce that two new friends have joined the "early learners" this month. Jeremy and Jaiden were welcomed with smiles and kindness by the rest of the children and new friendships have already started to form. Great job kids!



Early Childhood Fair and Forum

Early Childhood Fair and Forum:

March 8, 2012

Woodbury Middle School

Early Childhood program displays— 5:30—7pm

View displays from more than 20 area Early Childhood programs and service providers.

Early Childhood Forum Presenta- tion: **READY, SET, GO!** — 7-8pm

Attend our Forum and find out how to help your children get ready to succeed in school. Forum presenters from our Ready, Set, Go! Team; Salem School District educators and therapists, and early childhood experts discuss fun, simple and practical ideas for activities to do with your children as you go about your day, that will help them develop their educational, behavioral and social skills so they will be better prepared for success when they enter school.

This event is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2012

The Salem School District is seeking information for age-eligible students for the 2012-2013 school year. Parents of incoming kindergarten children who will be five (5) years of age by September 20, 2012 are asked to notify the Office of the Superintendent of Schools with the following directory information.

First and Last Name of child
Date of Birth
Street Address and Mailing Address
Home Telephone Number
Parent/Guardian E-mail Address

Parents can provide the above information in any of the following ways:

Calling with the information at
603-893-7040
between 7:30am and 4:15pm
Monday –Friday

Mailing the information to
Office of the Superintendent
38 Geremonty Drive
Salem, NH 03079

Emailing the information to
kregistration@sau57.org

Parent who provide this information will be mailed registration packets to be completed in advance of the registration process. Parents may bring their completed packets to the formal registration being held at the Superintendent's office during the week of March 19, 2012

3rd Annual Tot-to-Teen Fashion Show and Tea

You are invited to a sweet and elegant afternoon to benefit the programming of Salem Family Resources—Success by 6!

Join us at the Searle's Castle in Windham, NH on April 22, 2012 from 1pm– 3pm for:

Spring fashions for children and new this year, Glam Grams!
2012 Children's Champion Award Presentation
Musical Entertainment—including the Chin Family!
Refined Refreshments
Silent Auction and Prize Drawings
Art Display from the Greater Salem Artists Association

Tickets on sale now! Advanced purchase is just \$15! Purchase yours today at www.salemfamilyresources.org.



What are we learning?

At this stage of the school year, general curriculum is being differentiated for each learner accommodating the wide range of skills in both classes.

We continue to work on alphabet letter work, from recognizing the names of letters, and sound/symbol recognition to some friends who are decoding and reading. The letter I inspired work with Icicles, Ice and Igloos. Reading and writing skills were reinforced with our valentine's mail activities.

Math work included continuation of number symbol recognition and meaning, up to simple calculations; money, comparison of sets and measuring all inspired by Dr. Seuss's wonderful books.

Groundhog Day inspired art and science with the children's handprint groundhog and shadow project and led to the children making predictions about what would happen with Punxsutawney Phil.

Everyone did a great job with the "feely-box", finding shapes, "observing by touching" and identifying letters by touch.

Everyone is working so hard and we are very proud of them!



Valentine's Party and Presentation

The children said good-bye to what little snow we had this winter with their Valentine's Day Party Snowball Olympics and Song/Poem Presentation to parents and loved ones. The day started with their adorable presentation and we are SO proud of all our little friends who stepped up and performed! The children then filled their delivery bags with valentines and carefully delivered them to all their friends' decorated valentine boxes. Afterwards they participated in the Snowball Olympics in which they tossed "snowballs" into a bucket, carried "snowballs" on a spoon, dragged an oversized "snowball" through a tunnel, and searched for a missing mitten. Finally, they decorated muffins during snack made healthy by a side of fruit. What a fun day!

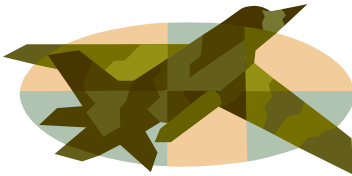


The children "shaking their flake" during the Valentine's Day Song/Poem Presentation. See more pictures from the parties on page 6.

Afternoon Enrichment

Science with Mrs. Greenberg

During the month of February our scientists explored a variety of topics. They began the month with an exploration of flight. Understanding that fast moving air exerts less air pressure helped them to understand how planes fly. The class created paper flying objects and discovered ways to change their path.



As the month progressed we looked at our brains. Our brains control many functions and we found it fun and exciting to look at reflexes, illusions, and our senses.

On Valentine's Day, we learned about the heart and how to keep it healthy. Dissecting a turkey heart helped us to understand the parts of the heart and the actual shape of a heart.



Ms. Jury stepped in for one session of science this month with letter I themed experiments. The children experimented with invisible ink, inertia, and incline. Using the scientific method, the children posed hypotheses, then tested their ideas and recorded results.

For the final week of February we built nesting boxes, the actual term for a bird house. Students learned about how important the size of the box and opening size are to each species. Each scientist took home a nesting box that will house chickadees, nuthatches, or downy woodpeckers in their yard. Next week we'll continue the learning with more information about what makes birds special through a look at eggs, feathers, and more!

If you are interested in signing your child up for the amazing afternoon of learning and fun please contact Ms. Jury.

Cultures and Cooking with Ms. Jury

This month our afternoon group celebrated Mardi Gras, with hand-made and painted beads, glitter and feather masks, King's Cake and delicious Moon Pies!



Fun with Fine Arts with Mrs. D'Agostino

Following the Dr. Seuss theme, children made "red fish and blue fish" with Mrs. D'Agostino, creating fantastic Fish Prints with REAL FISH! The class used paint and brayer, a hand roller used in printmaking techniques, to cover the fish and tissue paper to take the print. They also learned all of the scientific names and parts of this particular species.

Also this month, the children crafted *Ping* marionettes which then doubled as ducklings for *Make Way for Ducklings*. By the end of the afternoon all the children were master puppeteers.



Dr. Seuss Week

The Learning Cooperative celebrated Dr. Seuss Week with a myriad of Dr. Seuss books, crafts and fun! Dr. Seuss Week is an annual reading motivation and awareness program started by the National Education Association's Read Across America that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2nd, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss.

Dr. Seuss favorites such as *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish Blue Fish* inspired days worth of activities encouraging reading, language and much more. Sorting and counting colorful goldfish was a math activity which then, to the children's delight, became snack.

Making Oobleck, seen in *Bartholomew and the Oobleck* in which a gooey green substance falls from the sky and wreaks havoc in the kingdom, was a interesting science experiment resulting in a fun rubbery material for the children to play with.

The Foot Book was the jumping off point for some great measurement lessons.

The week ended with crazy hat day which of course was a big hit and brought lots of laughs to the classroom.

February At-Home Craft Idea

Cat in the Hat Pasta Puppet

(as seen on www.pinterest.com)

To continue the celebration of Dr. Seuss's Birthday and his legacy of encouraging children to read, try this colorful Cat in the Hat craft. Afterwards, enjoy one of your favorite Dr. Seuss books with your child while they use their puppet to act out some of the Cat in the Hat's silly antics.



Materials:

Popsicle stick
Rigatoni pasta
Bowtie pasta
Red and white paint
Glue and Scissors

Instructions:

Print a picture of the Cat in the Hat from online or have your child draw his/her picture.
Cut out the Cat in the Hat's head and glue it to the stick.
Glue the rigatoni to the stick for the hat and the bowtie pasta for the necktie.
Paint the Cat's hat and bowtie.
Let dry and enjoy.



Look Who's Celebrating a 1/2 Birthday this Month!!!

Gabby, Natasha, Ryan, Jeremy and Andrew!

Happy Birthday to all our friends with August Birthdays!



Valentine's Party and Presentation

