

East Andover Village Preschool: March 2013

By Elizabeth Janvrin, Director, EAVP

The month of March took us on a trip to "Once upon a time" land. We explored many of the fairy tales throughout the month in all areas of our classroom. Working together, we constructed a castle out of recycled materials, which also offered opportunities to share our thoughts and ideas with others nearby. As we read *Jack and the Beanstalk* and *The Princess and the Pea*, we made predictions of which area would sprout first: the planted beans and peas, or the baggie beans and peas.

We have explored various art processes, from painting on foil as mirrors for *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* to painting with mud for *The Three Little Pigs*, and not to forget creating gold pictures as we read *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

The various fairy tales have offered many math activities as we have practiced measurement with Rapunzel's braids, sorting by color and size as we found the Papa, Mama, and Baby bears, and estimated and counted how many beans would fit in our hands. For Literacy, we have thought about what we would turn straw into, what dwarf we would be, and wrote our names in "hair."

At the beginning of March, we were part of the Andover Lion's Club "Operation Kid Sight." This program is to prevent blindness and promote aware-

ness of vision disorders most common in preschool children.

Our annual Hop-a-thon will be on Monday and Tuesday, April 1 and 2. The children have a great time hopping to raise money and enjoy a healthy carrot snack of raw carrots and muffins.

April will bring us the continuation of our duck eggs incubating and hatching. We have started with 18 duck eggs and cannot wait to see how many ducklings we will have! Before April vacation, we will be celebrating "The Week of the Young Child" with our own circus-themed week, including a carnival night. April might also bring us a trip to the "Rainforest" with the growing interest and discussions around animals lately.

We are very fortunate at East Andover Village Preschool to have support from this great community. Thank you to our "Angel" who has donated \$500 for our school to spend at Imagination Village in Concord. Thank you to a member of the Andover community who has donated \$5,000 to our program to begin renovations on our playground!

Registration for our Summer Camp Program and our 2013-2014 Preschool Program is occurring. We offer part-time and full-time enrollment with accommodations for individual family schedules. Please contact EAVP at 735-5105 or EAVP@tds.net.



Back row: Kyleigh Fanny, Cassidy Piroso, Hawk McCord, Aiden Kellogg, Ryan Gotthardt, Desiree Langlois, Emily Abrahamson, and Liberty Spaulding. Middle row: Aaron Weeks, Wesley Kozoil, Fenn Davis, Emma Pine, Caleb Warzocha, Elliott Norris, and Maggie Kellogg. Front row: Jason Kozoil, Mychal Reynolds, and Kaden Fanny

Andover After School: March, 2013

Dinosaurs, St. Patrick, pirates, and Easter!

By Diane Adams, Director, AASP

In like a lion, out like a lamb was the AASP/AFAP theme for the month of March. March always seems like such a long month, so we filled it with different themed weeks. We started out with Dinosaur Week, then St. Patrick's Day Week, Pirate Week, and Easter Week. We grew dinosaurs, made puppets and 3D drawings, and had dinosaur chicken nuggets for snack. We made windmills, leprechaun costumes, decorated some clovers, and had clover cookies and necklaces to keep for St. Patrick's Day.

Pirate week was all about dressing up and looking for treasure! We made hats, flags, and telescopes. Using a box as a pirate ship was a highlight. The kids really liked following the map to find the treasure.

Ending the month with Easter projects helped to welcome spring and warmer weather. We also had ice cream cookie sandwiches and an Easter egg hunt.

The Annex would like to welcome

all of our enrolled families, as well as families who are interested in the Andover After School Program, to an open house. This will be held on Saturday, April 13, from 8:30 to 10:30 AM, and breakfast will be served by our staff, board members, and volunteers. Please feel free to stop in and have a bite to eat. I will be available to give tours and answer any questions you may have about our program.

Andover Elementary/Middle School has decided to make kindergarten a full-day session. This is a positive move for our community. We want to assure everyone that the Andover After School Program has not been affected by this decision. We already have a large group planning to attend next year. We do have space available, and the open house is a great opportunity for families to see what we are all about.

Thank you to all the families who have supported the Andover Five Alive Program, which won't continue next school year now that AE/MS will hold full-day kindergarten. I had a lot of fun with these children and will miss it. Sometimes change is good.

Happy spring to everyone!

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