



Celebrating "P" Day with Pajamas and Popcorn with Ms. Becky are Adam Barry, Milly Pellegrini, Zach Lacy, Mikayla Roberts, Zoe Lacy, and Larysa Corrow. Photo: Doreen Perreault

## East Andover Village Preschool

By Doreen Perreault  
East Andover Village Preschool

The windows are frosted despite the blazing sun that shines outdoors. The white snow looks fluffy and inviting. Winter on the hill in East Andover overlooking the lake and church is peaceful and priceless. Inside the preschool, sounds of laughter and giggles fill our mornings. Our boundless energy from the cold winter days makes me grateful that most of the furniture is on wheels! Our busy mornings are filled with lots of music, lots of parachute playing, lots of noise, and lots of fun.

As we entered 2009, I was reminded of the words written in our brochure established in 1979. Yes, 1979. EAVP is beginning its thirtieth year on the hill. It's exciting and wonderful. Each year, parents walk through the door and share photos with me of the time when they attended EAVP. It is truly remarkable to be a part of such a wonderful program in such a magical location. Ms. Becky and I are excited to continue the tradition of this great program here on the hill in East Andover, and we look forward to marking year number 31.

Children in Preschool I spent January exploring Nursery Rhymes. We welcomed Chef Combo and the chance to fine tune our cooking skills. With the help of Little Boy Blue, we made haystack cookies. The children enjoyed wearing their pajamas to school during Wee Willie Winkie Day and had fun jumping over a candlestick with Jack of course!

Our favorite experiment was creating Humpty Dumpty. The children added faces to eggs and after singing the verse, "Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall..." each child knocked their egg off the wall and onto the floor. We now understand why Humpty Dumpty couldn't be put back together again. We ended the month with a Teddy Bear Day and a visit from Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Preschool II children enjoyed some

winter experiments. We learned how to mix colors in the water table and in shaving cream. We tested lots of items in our Sink and Float experiment and learned that a cork can float but a magnet can't. The children experimented with ice cubes and painted with icicles. We matched mittens and played the Snowky Pokey. We heard the story of Tacky the Penguin and the Snowy Day.

The children enjoyed creating a post office in February and were excited to exchange their own Valentines. We created Valentine crowns and spent a "lovely" day celebrating our friends and family and all our loved ones. We used our magnetic pole to "fish" for heart-shaped goodies and searched the classrooms for hidden hearts.

Throughout the classroom, signs of winter still linger. Snowflakes still hang from the ceiling and winter mittens decorate our walls. Though we were all excited to welcome Groundhog Day, the sight of his shadow reminded us all that winter is far from over.

We continue to pack our mittens and snow pants. The cool winter weather assures us that Jack Frost is not over with us yet. As March enters, we are hopeful that the winds will blow in like a lion and out like a lamb. We are looking forward to trapping our Leprechaun, and with any luck this year may be a success.

Thank you to all our EAVP families and to the community for participating in our fall fundraiser. We are extremely grateful for all the support and help we get from all our friends and family.

We are presently accepting registrations for our Preschool I program for the 2009-2010 school year. Preschool I is held on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 11:30 AM. Children must be three years old and potty trained by September 30.

EAVP follows the school year and is open from September through May. For more information or to register your child, please call the preschool at 735-5105 or e-mail EAVP@tds.net.

## YOUNG LIFE & WYDLIFE

By Beth Frost  
Andover Younglife/Wydlife

The Andover Younglife/Wydlife group is alive and well. In February, Cathy Ellis, our youth leader, and Tony Seminara, our New London youth leader, accompanied 17 high-school kids (from our Merrimack Valley High School group and our Kearsarge High School group) to winter camp at Monadnock Bible Conference in Jaffrey. These kids are from Andover, Penacook, New London, and Hooksett. They all had a

wonderful experience.

Cathy will be going again with the middle-school kids the weekend of March 20; she has 20 kids signed up to go so far. The program is God-centered and designed to deepen students' relationships with God and each other. There are lots of group games as well as powerful biblical speakers. Some of the fun activities include tubing, laser tag, and swimming in an indoor pool. This is a fantastic weekend for the kids and the chaperones.

## Consider Barry Conservation Camp This Summer

If you're looking for a summer camp where your kids will have fun while getting outdoors and active, consider Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin, New Hampshire. Youth who love the outdoors, prefer a small camp, and enjoy hands-on learning about outdoor skills, conservation, and the environment will feel right at home.

Barry Camp is a weekly, overnight summer camp offering specialty weeks for boys and girls ages 10 to 16. Each camp week costs \$450. To register, contact 4HCamps@unh.edu, call 862-2184 or visit ceinfo.unh.edu/4H/4HCamps.htm.

There are four camp sessions:

**Aquatic Adventures**, July 5-10. Novice anglers learn the basic skills and equipment needed to start fishing, while campers with more experience work on improving their fishing skills and explore the finer details of the angling world. Participants also explore the ecology of the birds, bugs, and beasts of nearby lakes, ponds, and streams.

**Shooting Sports Sampler**, July 12-17. Campers learn marksmanship, the safe and responsible use of firearms, principles of hunting and archery, conservation ethics, and much more. Explore the 4-H disciplines of black powder, riflery, pistol shooting, and archery. No previous shooting sports experience necessary.

**Hunter Education and Certifica-**

**tion**, July 19-24 (ages 12-16). Join New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game Hunter Education Program staff and volunteers to learn and practice safe hunting skills and behaviors. Explore wildlife biology and hunting ethics. Practice rifle, shotgun and archery skills daily.

Because this is a certification training, participants receive a training manual in advance so they can study the materials ahead of time. To become certified, campers must pass a written as well as a field exam at the end of the week.

This camp week is open only to those who do not already have current hunter education certification.

**Walk on the Wild Side**, July 26-31. In America's technology-based culture, the gap between youth and nature is growing. This camp week is a chance to experience nature and reunite with the great outdoors. Create a meal from gathered plants, fillet a fish and cook it over an open fire, sleep under the stars, climb a mountain, swim in a pond, create nature crafts, and more.

Registration is limited. Barry Conservation Camp is a cooperative effort of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension 4-H Camps. The cost of \$450 per week includes meals, lodging, instruction, and use of equipment.

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