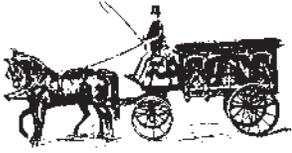


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ters, Katrina Welch and her husband Nick of Andover and Caitlin Smarkel of Manchester; one son, Derek Paradis of Boscawen; three grandchildren, Logan Welch of Andover, Jecenia Perez of Manchester, and Grace Paradis of Salisbury; two sisters Lisa Adams Paradis and her husband Mike of Andover, and Kathy Payeur and her husband Mike of Pembroke; nieces and nephews, and his best friend, Suzette Paradis of Manchester.

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tastic with the children and they loved their behind-the-scenes tour. Thank you, Pizza Chef!

With Jack Frost nipping at our noses, we welcomed a blustery January. Our classroom walls were decorated with paper snowflakes and cheery snowmen. We were lacing skates and not surprised to hear the groundhog predict six more weeks of winter. February really felt more like spring than winter in New England.

During February we explored all things winter. We colored our water table and filled it with fresh white snow. It was fun to see how the snow melted throughout the day and watch as it turned into a large puddle of water. We enjoyed a few snow days and the chance to catch some fresh snowflakes on our tongues. We built snowmen and learned some new winter songs. The parachute and musical instruments kept us busy on those days when Jack Frost decided to make it too cold for outdoor fun.

Our Bouncy Bears become more curious with each passing month. The children are busy learners exploring, walking, and chattering along. Despite the cold winter months, we have enjoyed muddling through the snow and marching around outdoors. It's an adventure in itself getting our youngest ones bundled up for the great outdoors. Trisha, Stacy, and Amy continue to make it all look easy.

In November, Imagination Inn expanded its staff and welcomed Stacy Rowe to our Infant/Toddler classroom. Stacy joins us with her extensive experience and knowledge in the Early Childhood field. Anyone who has met Stacy or taken a few minutes to watch her can quickly see her love and passion for children. We are excited to welcome Stacy and look forward to years of growing, laughing, and learning together.

The Marvelous Monkeys continue to amaze us. They are learning and growing at a rate that is nearly impossible to keep up with. Karyn does an amazing job keeping up with our busy two-year-old classroom. Whether they are digging in the sand table, painting with Kool-Aid or playing with their much-loved train table, the Monkeys are always on the go.

The Terrific Tigers with Becky have spent the month learning about penguins and winter animals. They waddled around the classroom, experimented with ice cubes, and made a winter white polar bear collage. They continue to enjoy Wednesday's town library storytime visits and especially the chance to take a book home from the library. It's a favorite part of our week.

The Preschool Pandas have been lacing, tracing, and creating some winter fun. We created our own indoor skating rink and used wax paper to glide our way around the rink. Colored ice cube painting and icicle graphing

were a fun way to welcome the winter weather.

The Afterschool Adventures have been growing crystals and exploring the science world. Ashley has some fun, colorful experiments that have kept the Afterschool children intrigued and excited. Can't wait to see what they create next.

January ended with a generous treat from Jordan's family. Dave Kenney, with the help of Brad Hardie, mixed up a delicious pancake breakfast for our children and families. It was a fun and yummy way to start a great morning at the Inn. Preschoolers enjoyed a follow up story of *If You Give a Kid a Pancake*.

February brought lots of "lovely" moments to our classrooms. We made Valentine mailboxes with tissue boxes and painted them for our Valentine exchanges. We explored all the things we love and created our own Valentines. Our classroom walls were decorated in pink, purple, and red hearts. We talked about those we love, our family and our friends. Though we are enjoying the winter months, we are always ready for signs of spring.

The children are having a great time exploring the Proctor campus and the area around us. We are loving our Friday mornings skating at the Proctor rink. We are still waiting for a *huge* snowstorm so we can build a snowman (or rather snow people) right outside our door.

Imagination Inn is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM and accepts children from eight weeks to 12 years old. We are open school vacations, school closings, and most holidays.

Our summer program begins in mid-June and believe it or not ... we are beginning to think of summer. If you are interested in information regarding our summer program or for the fall of 2012, now is the time to call. You can reach us at 735-5900 and set up a time to visit our program, meet the staff, and explore our classrooms.

You can also check out our Facebook page at Imagination Inn. It's updated weekly. You can view our classrooms, see pictures, and read the latest school happenings. You can also drop us an e-mail at [ImaginationInn@gmail.com](mailto:ImaginationInn@gmail.com).

We are looking forward to a busy March. We will be setting our leprechaun trap in hopes of catching something magical at the end of the rainbow. I'm feeling pretty confident this year may be the year we catch ourselves a leprechaun! Green will be the theme of the month. We will celebrate Dr. Seuss and enjoy a visit from Chef Combo as we whip up some delicious *green* eggs and ham.

Looks like another adventurous month here at Imagination Inn!

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