



First, second, and third graders enjoying the valentine cupcakes that the Five Alive made for them. Photo: Diane Adams

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“In like a lion, out like a lamb” is our theme for March. We have had a lot of lamb weather so far this winter. Sledding days have been few and far between.

Last month we celebrated Valentine’s Day. We were in full bloom here at the Annex. Hearts, hearts, and more hearts was the theme for last month. We have made stained glass hearts, beaded hearts, roses made out of chocolate kisses, and chocolate kiss magnets. Let’s not forget Groundhog Day puppets! The cherry cobbler and heart-shaped cupcakes were fun to make in cooking class. Frosting and eating them were fun, too.

We had a full house during February vacation. We were open every day from 8 AM to 4 PM for those families who still had to attend work. We will be open on April vacation for those who are a part of this program.

We are currently giving tours and accepting registration forms for the kindergarten program next year. Be early – we fill up fast, especially if you need after school care as well. We are open until 6 PM every day of the week. Call Diane with any questions about our program.

Please congratulate Renee Goodwin. She is our new associate in the afternoon. She has been subbing for a year and is a welcome addition to our staff. We are very excited to have her join us, and all of the kids love her as well.



Heide and Eric Johnson of Tucker Mountain Maple talk to Preschool Two about how trees are tapped and maple syrup is made. Photo: Elizabeth Janvrin

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Both Preschool One and Two at East Andover Village Preschool (EAVP) have been learning about artists and exploring their different techniques for creating art. We drew with scissors like Henri Matisse and used vibrant colors like Vincent Van Gogh. We tried painting landscapes like Claude Monet, sculpting like Michelangelo, and seeing a picture in dots like Georges Seurat.

By far the most enjoyed form of painting by all was probably Jackson Pollock’s style of throwing paint! The weather gave us some great days to go outside and let the paint brushes fling. Their artwork came out beautiful, the driveway was colorful, and the parents got a lot of laundry done. Thank you, parents, for being so understanding and for fostering your child’s inner artist. We had a very creative and colorful month.

We celebrated Dr. Seuss’ birthday on March 2 by having an open house for families to come and enjoy some fun Dr. Seuss activities. We have been enjoying reading his books over and over all month as well.

Our dramatic play area has been transformed into a veterinary/pet center. We have a hamster cage for smaller animals and a cubby area for larger animals. A lab coat and some stethoscopes are close by for animals in need of some care. All of our animals are “stuffed” with love from our children and probably sleep very well at night when the children have gone home.

We will be doing our traditional fundraiser in April by having the children do the Hop-a-Thon. The children put on their bunny faces and ears to see how many hops they can do in a minute. If you are interested in sponsoring a child, please let us know! When the

hopping is done, a healthy treat is enjoyed, and the children are rewarded for their hard work.

Eric and Heide Johnson were very inviting and engaging on our field trip to the Tucker Mountain Maple. Our Preschool Two children watched a tree get tapped and learned how the sap is made into syrup, which we all agreed that we love. Eric and Heide sent the kids and teachers each home with their own jar of maple syrup. I am sure all the families will enjoy and are grateful to the Johnsons for the yummy gift. Thank you, Eric and Heide!

The most egg-citing news at the Preschool is that our incubator has been turned on. This has been a successful and very rewarding experiment in past years and I, personally, am very egg-cited to be doing this again.

I remember the first time I set up the incubator. With much disappointment ... none of the eggs hatched. I did research, and got a newer incubator, and tried again with success: four ducks from four eggs! The night they started hatching, I actually slept at the preschool to watch over them. I was very egg-cited when only one had appeared before the children arrived, and the others arrived during the day.

Make way for ducks born with love from the East Andover Village Preschool children!

2012-2013 Registration

East Andover Village Preschool’s 2012-2013 registration process has begun for children who will be three or four years old by September 30! We offer a developmentally-appropriate curriculum and hands-on exploration for children of three years old to five years old. Please contact our director, Elizabeth Janvrin, at 735-5105 or EAVP@tds.net.

Thank You, Volunteers!

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IS YOUR LITTLE ONE GOING TO KINDERGARTEN NEXT YEAR?

The Andover Five Alive Program provides **day care services for your kindergartener** for the other half of the day when they’re not in AE/MS kindergarten.

- We are conveniently located in the AE/MS Annex, right next to AE/MS
- Uninterrupted adult supervision between AE/MS and AFAP programs
- Safe learning environment
- Arts & crafts daily
- Socialization with children in their class
- Extracurricular activities with AE/MS

When your child is enrolled in our Five Alive program, you may use us on every school day, or just the days you select. AFAP is open on many days when AE/MS isn’t, including:

- Teacher workshop days
- Occasional snow days, delays, and holidays
- February and April vacations

When your child is enrolled in AFAP, you have priority for the Andover After School Program (which is generally filled to capacity and is open until 6 PM every day after school).

Stop in any time for a visit.

You may also call with any questions: 735-6566