



DeLana Adams and Declan Champney making papier mache dinosaur eggs. Messy, creative fun at the Inn! Photo: Doreen Perreault

IMAGINATION INN

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Spring is in the air. The children at Imagination Inn have been busy watching and waiting for signs of spring. Our hats and mittens were tucked away as we welcomed a few warm April days. Mother Nature was quick to remind us we are in New England as the weather changed from very warm to “we need our hats and mittens” kind of weather.

We enjoyed our healthy heart bunny hop on April 6. The children made their own bunny ears and painted on a few whiskers and a bunny nose. We hopped, hopped, hopped and jiggy-hopped to the bunny song, snacked on carrots and water, and hopped our little hearts out. Children earned a healthy heart certificate and went home with a new pail and shovel. It was a great way to welcome spring and get our bodies moving.

After 21 toasty days rotating and snuggling in their eggs, we were so excited to watch as 14 of our little friends pecked their way out of their eggs and into this world. The chickens arrived in perfect fashion as the children and parents arrived on a busy Monday morning. Over the course of 24 hours, all 14 chickens had emerged and were busy entertaining our very excited little ones.

Watching the chickens hatch, emerge from their shells, dry off, and come out of their incubator was an experience that won't soon be forgotten. The smiles and excitement around the Inn was amazing. We watched as the chickens learned how to stand, walk, and eat. After a few days of chirping and watching, it was time to send them to their new home.

Our furry little chicks stayed right here in Andover and went to our friends Tatjana and Savannah Donovan. Savannah is a senior at Merrimack Valley

High School and built a chicken coop for her senior project. It was such a fun and exciting process for us all, and we are so happy to see the chickens go to such a wonderful new home. The Donovans give us weekly updates and send us pictures. We are excited to see how the chickens grow and change in the months ahead.

It is hard to believe that we are approaching May. We are happy to see the warmer days and lighter afternoons. The children are enjoying longer outdoor times and adventures around the campus.

Looking back we are amazed at how quickly many of our Bouncy Bears have grown. We welcomed baby Harper and celebrated Mason's first birthday. We have watched as children have learned to sit up, crawl, walk, and talk. It's been a busy eight months growing and learning.

Our Marvelous Monkeys are taller, busier, and climbing the “big kid” structures. Our Terrific Tigers are fabulous four-year-olds and our Pandas enjoyed their kindergarten registration as they prepare for the summer and for heading to the BIG school in the fall. Our Afterschool Adventures are keeping the Tooth Fairy busy and growing leaps and bounds.

Like the flowers and trees around us, we continue to bloom and grow and welcome the spring adventures ahead. May will be a month of planting new seeds and making new memories.

Imagination Inn's school year ends on Friday, June 15. We will be “graduating” our Pandas and celebrating the first year together. Our summer campers will join us on Monday, June 18 and continue through Friday, August 24.

You can call us at the Inn at 735-5900 for Summer Camp information and Fall Registration or check us out on Facebook. Happy spring!

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Thank you to all of those who attended our Extreme Coupon Professors event on March 16. We received many great and helpful tips on how to assist our families in saving money through using coupons, and the school received many great new materials for our program; stickers, pom-poms, and bubbles are a few of the favorites. Thank you, Linda Perry, for donating the radio advertisement time and assisting us in getting the word out about this wonderful event.

The month of May will be bittersweet as our Preschool Two group gears up with excitement and anticipation for their move to the “big school,” Andover

Elementary/Middle School and our Preschool One group becomes the “big kids” at our school. Graduation will be on Wednesday, May 23 in the evening, time to still be determined. .

Registration and enrollment for our 2012-2013 school year is underway. We offer developmentally-appropriate emergent curriculum with explorations and activities in Literacy, Mathematics, Science, and Social-Emotional development. We follow Teaching Strategies, Inc.'s Creative Curriculum as a guideline and basis for the importance of our activities and how children learn and grow through them. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Janvrin at EAVP@tds.net or 735-5105.

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- 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).

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June 18: Welcome Campers / Growing Green

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July 2: closed

July 9: Kids in the Kitchen

July 16: Circus Fun Under the Big Top

July 23: Camping and the Great Outdoors

July 30: Once Upon A Time ...

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August 13: A Week of “Holidaze”

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