



Imagination Inn graduated Pandas (front) Anna Warzocha, Daniel Shedd, Indira McIntyre, Ociece Iig, Delana Adams, Jack Parris, Isaac Norris, Cilla Abrahamson, (back) Damien Jenifer, and Ella Labrie. Photo: Doreen Perreault

Imagination Inn: May 2013

By Doreen Perreault, Imagination Inn

Well it's hard to believe the school year is quickly coming to an end. We have watched our Bouncy Bears crawl, walk, and some are now even running! We've opened our hearts and hands to many new little ones these past few months and look forward to a busy baby-filled Fall ahead. Our Marvelous Monkeys are talking, creating, and stretching their independent wings. Our Tigers have roared their way through an adventurous year. Our Preschool Pandas have learned to write their names, have bounced like bunnies, cooked, created, and skated their way through the year. Our Afterschool Adventures celebrate their creative energy and adventurous bodies.

For all of us here at the Inn, we are excited to wrap up our second successful year. We welcomed new friends and watched them grow. We've been loved, been hugged, and been blessed. It's a bittersweet time as we send our preschoolers off to kindergarten, move our Bears to Monkeys, our Monkeys to Tigers, and our Tigers to Pandas. And just as quickly as the seasons changed, our little ones have too.

Our Pandas will be celebrating their amazing accomplishments in a complete cap and gown-style graduation. They will be singing, laughing, and sharing memories of this past year with their families. We'll watch in amazement as our children roam the school, share their artwork, accept their "diploma", and giggle with delight with their friends and family looking on. The children will wander their way outside laughing, playing with their friends, and running around in true Inn style. Our teachers will be smiling and proud of the children, realizing that another year has come and gone, and hoping that in some small way, they have made a difference.

As I walked through our classrooms today, I was reminded of those everyday miracles that remind us all why we love what we do. Today I watched a

teacher bounce a giggling child on her lap, wipe another runny nose, and sing to a sleepy baby. I watched a teary child get a splinter removed followed by a big hug, a smile, and reassurance that he could pick out his own special character Band Aid. I watched a child race excitedly through the door to share a picture of his latest artwork with a teacher who proudly hung it on the classroom wall. I watched a teacher marvel over a new pair of sandals and a blinking pair of sneakers as the other children looked on in amazement. I watched a teacher zoom across the classroom on a scooter while the children watched and giggled almost uncontrollably as she carefully wove her way around the furniture. I am honored and privileged to be able to watch, observe, and listen to so many wonderful sounds throughout just one day – let alone nine fun-filled months.

So as our year comes to the end, I sigh a bit. I know it's time for the next adventure. Our children are older; it's time to take the next step. Though the year ahead will be filled with more

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East Andover Village Preschool: May 2013

Registration still open for summer camp

By Elizabeth Janvrin, Director/Teacher

For the month of May, we boarded our rocket ship and headed on a trip throughout the Solar System. The group stopped at each planet and learned what makes it so special, designed their own constellations with a story, made a class book about our space trip, and used 3-d materials to create and represent their own rockets.

Another school year has come to an end at East Andover Village Preschool. The school year contained lots of exploring, creating, discovering, growing, and learning as we expanded our knowledge about ourselves, our families, our favorite stories, the winter holidays, pirates, fairy tales, the Circus, the Rainforest, and our Solar System. We are so proud of our group heading to Kindergarten next year, and cannot wait to hear about all of their accomplishments in the years to come. Graduation will be celebrated on June 5 with our family and friends. We shared our favorite songs and activities in preschool,

sang some songs about our hopes for Kindergarten, and looked back on our year together. The group, who will be remaining in preschool for another year or two, shared a wonderful picnic together with our families. We have lots of excitement for the next school year and what we will continue to learn and discover.

Our second year of summer camp is beginning with "Cruising to the Caribbean," as we travel around the tropics and the ocean. The summer will continue with weeks such as "Dinosaur Dig," "the Wild Wild West," and "EAVP Olympics." Each day our camp has gardening, sprinkler/outdoor play, and independent/group activities. Each week will include a trip or two down the rail trail, a trip to Story time at the Library, and a trip to an area in our community. Registration is still occurring for our camp - either a half day or full day option.

The enrollment process is still in progress for our 2013-2014 school year. Please contact Elizabeth at 735-5105, or eavp@tds.net for more information.





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