

New Hampshire Circle of Home and Family, February 2015

Local group explores the history of lighthouses

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Our program in February was "You Light Up My Life," which traced the history of lighthouses.

In early days, sailing and fishing was a vital part of man's life. Getting to port safely with goods and passengers was the boat captain's responsibility.

There were charts and maps and simple tools to guide him, but they were often unreliable. On foggy nights, guidance from the stars was useless. Lighthouses were built to mark a safe path past rocks and shallows to the harbor.

In early times, these lights were just a wooden tower with a pitch fire on top. These gave way to wood towers with a light in the top.

The first recorded lighthouse was built in 280 BC at the head of the Nile River. The first lighthouse on the east coast of America was the Boston Light, built in 1716 on Brewster Island. By 1818, there were 297 lighthouses in America.

At first, lighthouses were built of

wood with attached living quarters. This turned out to be a poor choice due to the constant damp weather. There were some brick towers, and later versions were constructed of iron, with living quarters inside.

Early lights were whale oil lamps, which gave off lots of smoke and soot. Lamps and lenses were improved over the years but gave way to the electric light.

Lighthouse keeping was a hard, dangerous, and lonely life. Many lights were far offshore on rocky islands. The field was dominated by men, but there were several famous women lighthouse keepers.

Lighthouses became obsolete with the development of modern navigation aids such as sonar, radar, and satellite tracking. The few that are left are automated. Some even have closed circuit TV that patrols the waters.

Little by little, the Coast Guard has sold or given away old lighthouses. They have become homes, hotels, and restaurants.

These great sentinels of the sea live on in poetry, paintings, and literature. Our group is planning a trip to the seacoast to visit some local lighthouse.

We meet on the third Monday of the month. If you would like more information, call 735-5493.



UNH Names Andover Students to Dean's List

The following Andover students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the fall semester of the 2014-2015 academic year. Earning High Honors are:

- Meredith Cline
 - Caleb Frantz
 - Madalyn Pfeifer
- On the Honors list are:
- Nicole Donovan
 - Emily Young

Students named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance. Highest Honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded High Honors, and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded Honors.

East Andover Village Preschool, February 2015

Registration for 2015-2016 has begun

Elizabeth Janvrin, Director

Our Vacation Station opened for reservations and business on February 2. Many of us enjoyed all of the roles that a hotel has to offer, from front desk receptionist or guest to housekeeper and wait staff.

Through the process of opening, the group shared their thoughts and ideas about what they needed to perform their jobs. In these conversations, the group made a menu for the hotel, working on pre-writing and pre-reading skills, as well as all of the signs to represent vacancies, the name of our hotel, and exit signs.

We also got to work on our one-to-one correspondence and counting, as we made sure our restaurant guests each had a plate and a cup. We also began to identify numbers on the money as we paid for our hotel room and meals.

Along with our Vacation Station, we continued to focus on exploring animal habitats and what animals need to live such as shelter, food, and water. As our habitats continued to grow and our questions continued, the group began to

show more interest in an African grassland, which has now become the focus of our block area.

By reading books we are researching what this particular habitat is like, along with the animals that can be found there. The group is creating costumes and props to role-play becoming an elephant, zebra, and other grassland animals.

The question of what animals need has also prompted us to think about what people need to live. In looking at this question, we are sharing our favorite food ideas, exploring how food gives us energy, and continuing to cook in the classroom with our Early Sprouts curriculum. There is also an interest in exercise, as some children create treadmills from the big blocks or role-play instructing exercises.

Register for 2015-2016

Our registration process for the 2015-2016 school year has begun! If you are looking for more information about our preschool program, please contact Elizabeth at 735-5105 or EAVP@tds.net.

Are you looking for summer camp? We are beginning our registration for our Summer Camp program. Camp is based on weekly themes such as Under the Sea, Into the Jungle, and Journey to Space. Our group goes on weekly trips to local points of interest such as the New London Barn Playhouse and Pizza Chef.

The ages for our summer camp program are three to 10 years old. Again, contact Elizabeth at 735-5105 or EAVP@tds.net.

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