



On January 21, AE/MS held its second annual Literacy Night. The evening's theme was Bedtime Stories. Sixty children in grades kindergarten through fourth and their families came back to school on this winter night in their pajamas, cozied up with their stuffed animals, and listened to enticing bedtime stories.

After the stories, everyone participated in related activities and crafts. To end the evening, families enjoyed milk and cookies and brought home "new-to-them" books from the Book Swap. Some of the highlights noted by the attendees included: "Books," "Bedtime story with lanterns," "Reading in the tent with the fire," "Sense of community," and "Getting together to have a book read to us."

In this photo, Mrs. Lauster welcomes Adalyn, Cameron, and Wesley Boucher to Literacy Night. Caption: Anna Kate Hattan.

Photo: Kristine Lane



During ski Fridays, the AASP crew includes (l-r) Damien Jenifer, Declan Bission, Myles Keyser, Seth Spaulding, Ryker Gregoire, Brody Hawks, and Ben Kelly. Photo: Diane Adams

Andover After School Program, February 2016

Student openings still available

Diane Adams, AASP

Happy Valentine's Day! We started the New Year off with many new and exciting toys and games paid for by our annual fundraiser. The children enjoyed opening new items before we left for December break. Students always look forward to coming back, so they can open and play with all the new toys. Some of the favorites include Star

Wars, LEGOs, Barbies, beautiful new books, and a dinosaur race track.

We also made a trip to the Andover Food Pantry before Christmas break with a box of food. Some of our older kids took a walk over with Mrs. Jacobs to deliver the box.

In January, we have enjoyed making paper snowmen, snowflakes, and felt projects during free time. The staff also read a Martin Luther King Jr. book and followed up with a project called Hands

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Andover Girls Softball

Don't forget to come to our meeting on Sunday, March 6, at 9 AM at AE/MS. We need to fill secretary spot, fundraiser person, and have a few more parent reps involved. Come to the AE/MS lobby to sign up for t-ball (age 4) up to U14: Sunday, March 6, 9 to 11 AM; Thursday, March 10, 6 to 7:30 PM; Saturday, March 12, 9 to 11 AM. You can also pick up a form at the AE/MS office. Questions? Call Melissa Thompson at 455-4622.

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The AE/MS second grade put on quite a spread at its annual Valentine's Day Heart Healthy Restaurant. In all, they raised \$331.10 for the charity of their choice: the Franklin Animal Shelter. Thank you to all the parents who helped by providing the menu and to the generous patrons who enjoyed the food! Caption and photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

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