

# Monthly Newsletter

## It's Time!! 2012-2013 Registration

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Registration for the next school year is just around the corner. If you know of anyone who has a child who will be entering preschool in the fall or looking for a fantastic afternoon program to supplement their kindergarten experience, be sure to mention

The Learning Cooperative. Those who are interested are welcome to visit TLC, check out our classroom and meet our wonderful teachers. The monthly newsletters are also a good way for prospective families to see all the amazing

things our children experience throughout the year. All the newsletters can be viewed on the website: [www.salemfamilyresources.org/TLC](http://www.salemfamilyresources.org/TLC)  
 For more information and new registration packets please contact Ms. Jury.

## Salem Family Resources Upcoming Events

**Parenting & Play Groups:**  
 Registration is open for Winter/Spring session (Feb 1st—June)

and begin your search here for current, summer and fall registration

better prepared for success when the enter school.

**Darkness into Light—Child Abuse Prevention Training:**

Early Childhood Forum—  
 7-8pm

**Tot to Teen Fashion Show and Tea:**

Sunday, April 22, 2012  
 1-3pm  
 Searles Castle, Windham

### Dates to Remember:

- \* February 13th and 14th:  
 Valentine's Day parties
- \* February 27th thru March 2nd : Winter Break

February 23, 2012 6-9pm  
 Woodbury Middle School  
 Registration Required

**Early Childhood Fair and Forum:**

March 8, 2012  
 Woodbury Middle School

Early Childhood program displays—5:30—7pm

View displays from area Early Childhood programs

Attend our Forum and find out how to help your children get ready to succeed in school. Forum presenters from our Ready, Set, Go! Team; Salem School District educators and therapists, and early childhood experts discuss fun, simple and practical ideas for activities to do with your children as you go about your day, that will help them develop their educational, behavioral and social skills so they will be

Sure to delight, the show will feature two dozen local children ranging from toddler to teen modeling current fashions. New this year is a "Glam Gram" segment featuring prominent residents nominated by their grandchildren.

We are currently seeking "Glam Gram" nominees and child models for our show.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL FAMILIES AND FRIENDS!**

**MAY 2012 BE FILLED WITH MUCH HAPPINESS FOR ALL.**

## Polar Express Chugs into TLC

A special holiday treat for the children arrived last month when the Polar Express came to life right before their eyes in the classroom. The conductor punched tickets and boarded the train for the north pole and a visit with Santa. The children had so much fun they “made the trip” daily for a week.



## Holiday Show and Party

The children put on a Holiday Show for the parents last month singing some very cute songs and wearing even cuter “costumes” of reindeer antlers and Rudolph noses. They continued their celebration with a day full of fun crafts, a visit from Santa bearing gifts and a holiday snack including hot cocoa and marshmallows.



## What are we learning?

This month we have been talking about SNOW and *finally* the weather cooperated and it snowed! While it did result in a couple of snow days, it also made our January curriculum that much more exciting. The most fun was our outdoor adventures—snow angels and sledding! The children played well together but Ms. Jury and Mrs. Fichera could be found fighting over the fast sled!

Literacy, language/rhymes, math, fine motor skills, art and science were all incorporated into the snow theme. We studied the letter S and the children came up with many wonderful winter S words—Snow, Sledding, Skating. Be sure to check out our giant Snowman and his amazing Scarf when you come into the classroom. Growing crystal snowflakes helped us study the science of snow and snowflakes. We also used the snow theme to match, pattern, ID numbers, and do 1:1 correspondence.

Ms. Jury has been working hard on the curriculum to keep with each of the children's needs. She has begun to do more differentiating instruction so that all of our friends are working and learning to the best of their ability.



Snow Angels and Sledding



## Welcome Ryan!!



We are very happy to announce that the “Early Learners” welcomed another new friend to their class this month. As usual, the children have done a fantastic job of making friends, working and playing wonderfully together.

## Valentine's Party and Presentation

On Monday, February 13th, and Tuesday, February 14th, the children will have their valentine's day parties. They will start their celebration with a VERY brief presentation with their snow poems. Parents are welcome to stay for the presentation which will begin at 9am. Cameras are welcome!

On the day of the party the children will be participating in the “Snowball Olympics”. Please send in a pair of your child's mittens that day for one of the games.

A list of needed party supplies will be posted. We ask each parent to sign up for one item to bring to the party. Thank you!

If your child would like to bring valentines for their classmates, please have them sign their own names on the back of the card. For our friends just starting out with letter writing, their first initial is OK. For those who have moved ahead in writing, you can attempt to have them write their classmates names in the “to” part. Just be sure they have fun whatever they decide to do!

## Afternoon Enrichment

### Cultures and Cooking with Ms. Jury

This month our afternoon group celebrated Chinese New Year— Year of the Dragon, with folding fans, lanterns, fireworks pictures, fun food, hats with names in Chinese characters and a dragon puppets parade.

Gung Hay Fat Choy!

“Best Wishes and Congratulations.  
Have a prosperous and good year.”



If you are interested in signing your child up for the amazing afternoon of learning and fun please contact Ms. Jury.

## Snow Poems and Songs

Here are some of the snow poems and songs we have been singing in circle time this winter. Feel free to encourage your children to sing them for you at home. It may help to build their confidence to sing during class and the show!

### The Month of January

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Starts a new year

There's fun on the way

So let's all cheer:

Yeah January!

### Shake your Flake

Shake your flake to the ceiling,

Shake your flake to the floor,

Shake your flake, Shake your flake,  
Shake your flake some more!

Shake your flake while you're walk-  
ing,

Shake your flake while you hop,

Shake your flake, Shake your flake,

Shake your flake, now.....stop!

### Snow on my Forehead

Snow on my forehead,

Snow on my knee,

Snow in my eyes,

It's getting hard to see.

Snow on my boots,

Snow in my hair,

Snow in my mittens

Snow is everywhere.

### Snow Folk

Lots of little snow folk standing in a  
row,

Each has a hat and a big red bow,

Out came the sun and it shown all  
day,

### Big White Snowflakes Falling Down

(To the tune of London Bridge)

Big white snowflakes are falling  
down, falling down, falling down,

Big white snowflakes are falling  
down,

Let's build a snowman.

Scoop some snow and make 3 balls,  
make 3 balls, make 3 balls,

Scoop some snow and make 3 balls,  
Let's build a snowman

Make 3 balls and stack them up,  
stack them up, stack them up,

Make 3 balls and stack them up,  
Let's make a snowman

Add a face and two stick arms, two  
stick arms, two stick arms,

Add a face and two stick arms,

Here's our snowman!

### Frost/Snow

(Sung to The Farmer in the Dell)

The frost/snow is on the roof  
(point hands over heard)

The frost/snow is on the ground  
(point hands to the floor)

The frost/snow is on the window  
(make a window with your hands)

The frost/snow is all around  
(make large circles with hands)

