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Dates to

Remember:

- * Thursday, November. 10th
Bring your sibling to school day
- * Friday, November. 11th
No School

Salem Family Resources—Success by 6 “Every Child a Successful Child”

With the successful launch of The Learning Cooperative, Salem Family Resources—Success by 6 continues its tradition of offering outstanding programming for families with young children. Since 1994 SFR has provided support and programs to families in the Greater Salem, NH area to help them meet the physical, social, emotional and educational needs of their young children.

Many of the students at TLC and their families have been a part of the SFR community having participated in the Parenting & Play Groups in which parents and family caregivers and their children meet

with a group leader for fun, age appropriate children’s activities, parent support and discussions about raising children.

SFR also offers information, developmental screening and referrals to services and resources in our community, including: parenting information, children’s health care, children’s services agencies, childcare, babysitting, and special education.

Additionally, SFR provides workshops for parents and early childhood educators with knowledgeable and engaging speakers presenting information and leading discussions about early childhood in-

cluding topics such as behavior management, child development, special needs and more.

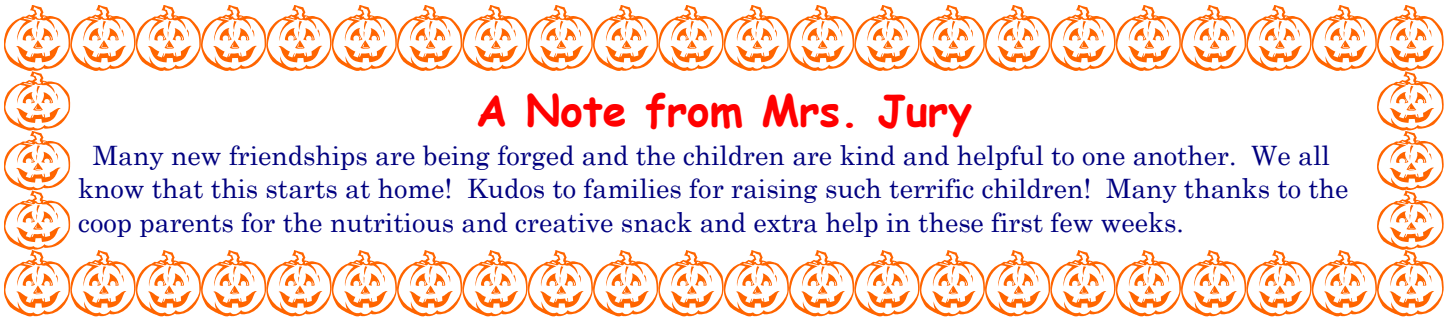
SFR also participates in many community events such as Salemfest and the Chamber of Commerce holiday party.

As parents, raising our small children is a constant source of worry. Are we doing what is best for them? Are we meeting all their needs and ensuring their happiness? Salem Family Resources—Success by 6 is a wonderful resource for navigating the often complex job of parenthood. Be sure to take advantage of all it has to offer. You and your chil-

Salem Family Resources at Salemfest 2011



SFR—Success by 6 participated in Salemfest by hosting the Thomas look-alike “Roaming Railroad” with a famous conductor likely recognized by all Thomas fans. In addition they worked with the children to make adorable conductor hats for the event. **See page 5 of the newsletter for SFR upcoming events**



A Note from Mrs. Jury

Many new friendships are being forged and the children are kind and helpful to one another. We all know that this starts at home! Kudos to families for raising such terrific children! Many thanks to the coop parents for the nutritious and creative snack and extra help in these first few weeks.

What are we learning?

Classroom themes began with fall, with Halloween quickly approaching. We will continue with themes related to the season and cultural events at this time of year.



The "Early Learners" are working on letter recognition and pairing the sounds with symbols. We continue with math concepts, in particular, number recognition, 1:1 correspondence, A/B/C patterns, and measuring.

"First Years" are working on colors; primary, secondary and blending. This month we will start to focus on math concepts; number recognition, 1:1 correspondence, and A/B patterns. We'll also be learning about shapes.



Both classes continue to work on fine motor skills and use of school tools. Baseline assessments continue in all areas of development.



Working hard to learn the season, month and days during circle time.



Fine motor skills are being honed while using scissors to cut out pictures for the jumble jars.



Learning about patterns is made fun with these jack-o-lantern hats.

Centers: Learning through play

Dramatic Play: Housekeeping

- social skills
- cooperative play
- language

Blocks: Duplos / Foam

- fine motor
- spatial concepts
- balance

Writing: Crayons / Markers

- fine motor
- pincer grasp
- color recognition

Art & Easel:

- Crayons
- Paint
- Play dough

Tactile Table:

- Foam

October is Fire Safety Month!

The children participated in the first fire drill of the year, complete with a whole-building test of alarms. Be sure to talk to your children about fire safety both in school and in the home. And don't forget to test those smoke detectors!

Here's What We've Been Reading in October

Literature choices for October follow the themes and are rich with rhyming and interesting illustrations.

Picking Apples and Pumpkins, Amy Hutchings

The Lonely Scarecrow, Tim Preston

Harold and the Purple Crayon, Crockett Johnson

It Looked Like Spilt Milk, Charles G. Shaw

Go Away Big Green Monster!, Ed Emberley

Go Away Big Green Monster! and many other wonderful books are available through the Scholastic Book Club. Encourage your child's interest in books and learning by helping them to pick out a book or two that they might like to read. Reading a book they've read in school is the perfect way to start a conversation about what your child is learning in class!

Scholastic Book orders can now be placed online! Please submit your orders by 10/25/2011.

The classroom has an exciting new center for the students to explore.

The Book Nook!

Book nook is a mini library of sorts where the children can find a number of books relating to the current themes and more. During free time they are encouraged to browse new books or sit down with a favorite!



Mack's Apple Orchard Field Trip

The "Early Learners" had a beautiful fall day for their field trip to Mack's Apple Orchard this month. The children were able to fill their bags and their bellies with apples they picked themselves. The highlight of the day was racing up and down between the rows of apple trees and laughing with their friends.

Music and Movement

Finger plays and songs augment the literature choices and activities. Language development and math skill building is imbedded in daily routines such as circle time and music and movement.

Rhymes:

Jack Be Nimble

Jack and Jill

Little Jack Horner

Baa Baa Black Sheep

Songs:

Jolly Jack O Lanterns

Halloween Party

The children will be celebrating Halloween October 26th for M/W/F students and October 27th for T/Th students. There will be plenty of activities and fun including trick-or-treating so be sure to wear your costumes! (Nothing too scary please!)



Afternoon Enrichment

Fall in New England is truly one of the most spectacular scenes produced in nature and is a perfect example of the mixing of science and art. The science of green chlorophyll making way for the yellow, orange and red of the fall foliage turns our landscape into one of the most beautiful works of art you will ever see. Another fantastic mix of science and art is the afternoon enrichment at TLC.

Science with Mrs. Greenberg

Recently in science the class investigated trees. After exploring the property to see the varying species of trees, the students learned the parts of the tree; roots, trunk, branches, leaves and seeds. They experimented with the effect of water on pine cones and how different wooden objects float.

Fine Arts with Mrs. D'Agostino

Mrs. D'Agostino incorporates rich literature and science along with the fine arts curriculum. Her students did some beautiful work with nature prints. They also did outstanding work on symmetry and spatial relationships with intricate pattern block designs and created their own symmetric art. The children especially love her marionettes!

Afternoons with Mrs. Jury

Mrs. Jury too has been focusing on art with nature, incorporating science and Spanish language.

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

October At-Home Craft Idea

Leaf Mobile (as seen in Family Fun Magazine)

This craft, inspired by the beauty that surrounds us this time of year, reinforces the fall themes the children have been seeing in class this month. Help your children preserve the colors of autumn to brighten your home all winter long.



Materials:

- Colorful fallen leaves
- Heavy book
- Clear Con-Tact paper
- Tree branch
- Thread

Instructions:

- Collect your favorite colorful leaves
- Press them between the pages of a heavy book for a day or two to flatten them
- For each leaf cut two squares of con-tact paper
- Peel the backing off of one piece of con-tact paper and lay it sticky-side up.
- Place the leaf in the center
- Peel the backing off the second piece of con-tact paper and carefully place it on top
- Trim the edges of the con-tact paper, leaving a 1/4 inch border
- Punch a hole for hanging
- Hang the leaves from a tree branch with thread
- Place the branch in a heavy vase or suspend it from a curtain rod

School Business

Salem Family Resources

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 15th

Barnes and Noble Book Fair

Great Event for the Kids!!

The fabulous Chris Rose will read from 6:00-7:00pm upstairs in the children's room. All Barnes and Noble purchases, in store or on-line, with our voucher number (10573111) from Nov 15th to Nov 20th will benefit SFR programs. Books, gifts and café purchases included! For on-line purchases go to www.bn.com/bookfair.

Wednesday, November 16th

Ready, Set Go! Let's get our children ready together.

A FREE workshop presented by Allison Plante for Salem School District parents of children ages birth to 5 at the North Salem Elementary School from 5:30-7:00pm.

Thursday, November 17th

Navigating the Single and Co-parenting Waters: Tips and Skill to Stay Afloat.

A FREE workshop for single parents and the professionals who support them. Presented by Joan Tavares and Beth Gagnon, LICSW Partners in Family Wellness in the library of Woodbury Middle School from 6:30-8:30pm.

Newsletter suggestions:

Please feel free to email me with anything you would like to see in the newsletter including upcoming events, classroom projects or fun pictures.

Email: jspence@gmail.com

New Drop-off

We would like to encourage all parents to take advantage of the new drop-off option for school arrival. While not mandatory, it is a good idea for getting the children settled into their morning quickly and instilling a bit more independence at the same time. Cars will line up at the front walkway where the coop parent will be waiting. When you pull up to the walkway, please take your child out of the car. The coop parent will then make sure the children safely make their way to the door where Mrs. Fichera will be waiting to welcome them. If you arrive after 8:45 then you must walk your child into class. Pick-up will remain unchanged for now with parents coming in to the hallway to greet their children when school is out.

Safety First

Background Checks:

The background check system is in place. Those who indicated that they do not have documentation of background checks from alternate authorized sources will be able to log into our system to complete the process. Please see Mrs. Jury if you have any questions.

First Aid Class:

The staff participated in a first aid training class this month. The "victim" was well taken care of. More importantly so will our children be should they ever need it.



Important Fundraising Information!!

Please participate in the Tupperware Fundraiser and help support your school!

TLC will receive 50% of the total sales from an exclusive selection of Tupperware product highlighted in a flyer sent home with your child. Please complete the order form and return with payment on or before

Thursday, October 27th

If you are able to host a home party an additional \$20 will be donated to the school per party date!

Wish List

We are still in need of items for our emergency back pack as well as some additional items for the classroom. Look for a posting in the classroom with pull tags for the requested items. If you are able to purchase any of the items it would be greatly appreciated!

Flashlight and radio (battery powered),

Batteries: for flashlight and radio, Water (2 gallons), Baby wipes, Anti-bacterial wipes, Duct tape, Saran wrap, Space blankets, Scotch tape, Pencil sharpener: multi-size electric, Mirror (unbreakable), Children's picnic tables