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Welcome to The Learning Cooperative

After much hard work and dedication on behalf of Mrs. Jury, Mrs. Fichera, and the Parent Advisory Board, The Learning Cooperative of Salem Family Resources-Success By 6 opened its doors to welcome our children for the 2011-2012 school year. While there was some first day of school jitters, the children jumped right in making new friends and learning their new school routine. The classroom with its bright colors and varied centers is the perfect environment for the "First Years" students to acclimate to their first

educational experience and for the "Early Learners" to jump right in to some serious learning. This month your children may be coming home talking about songs, activities, and books relating to the Fall Theme. Colors, numbers, and letters in a variety of forms are bound to stimulate our little learners. Be sure to ask for an at home performance of their favorite song or inquire about what books they've been introduced to. Of course we can't forget the kids favorite part of the day: play-ground time! The play-

ground is getting more fun by the week with the addition of a tractor and a play-house and our little friends are quickly learning how to share and cooperate. Afternoon Enrichment has our students building on what they have learned in class through science and fine arts. It's been a very successful first couple of weeks and we are looking forward to a fantastic year. Thanks to everyone who has had a hand in getting us off to a great start.

Dates to Remember:

- * Monday, Sept. 26th 4-9pm. Papa Gino's Fundraiser
- * Monday, Oct. 10th No School

First Day of School



Our First Years class cooperating to sort bears by color



Jumping right in to table top activities on the first day



Mrs. Jury introducing two new friends in our Early Learners class

Station Activities: What are we learning and how?

Self Portraits

- visual discrimination
- matching
- fine motor coordination

Name Tags

- fine motor coordination
- name recognition
- handwriting without tears



Red Hunt

- visual discrimination
- color review
- follow directions

First Years:

Scented Strawberry

- color recognition
- visual discrimination
- school tools
- math concepts
- literacy

Red Collage

- color recognition
- visual discrimination
- fine motor coordination
- school tools

Early Learners:

Apple Numbers

- number recognition
- 1:1 correspondence
- visual discrimination
- fine motor coordination
- school tools

Red Wagon

- visual discrimination
- fine motor coordination
- school tools

Here's What We've Been Reading in September

First Years:

The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear,
Audrey Wood

Red Truck, Kersten Hamilton

Early Learners:

Alphabet Rescue, Audrey Wood

Apple Pie Tree, Zoe Hall

We're Going on a Leaf Hunt, Steve Metzger



Add to your child's home library by ordering a book or two from the Scholastic Book Club.

You'll be helping to stock our school library at the same time by earning free books with each order for TLC .



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



Music and Movement

Circle songs and Finger plays

Classroom songs

Freeze (classroom management)

Playground time

First Years:

“Hello Friends”

“This is the way we start our day”

“Hey, hey, what do you say? What was your favorite part of the day?”

Early Learners:

“My name is ____: How do you do?”

Alphabet songs

Fall finger play

Way up high in the apple tree
(hold hands up high)

Two little apples smiled at me
(hold hands up high and make fists)

I shook that tree as hard as I
could
(shake tree)

Down fell the apples
(hands fall to floor)

chomp chomp
(take bites out of each apple)

YUM! They were good!
(rub tummy)

Afternoon Enrichment

Science with Mrs. Greenberg

If you were to stop by TLC on any Wednesday afternoon you would find a group of budding little scientists eagerly participating in experiments designed just for them. Mrs. Greenberg has put together a wonderful afternoon program to expose the children to a variety of science topics which she helps them explore with hands on activities.

Their first session is an exploration of color. Mixing and separating colors and studying the primary and secondary colors of light and pigment. The children performed their own chromatography experiment one week and investigated the colors of the rainbow the next.

**DON'T MISS
OUT!!
IT'S NOT TOO
LATE!!**

If you are interested in signing your child up for the amazing afternoon of learning and fun please contact Mrs. Jury. Don't miss out on the fantastic experience!

Lunch Bunch

The lunch bunch crew are becoming fast friends sharing laughs
and good times after a morning of hard work!

September At-Home Craft Idea

Colorful Crayon Letter (as seen in Family Fun Magazine)

This unique craft puts old crayons to creative use in a personalized piece of art. It's a great idea for reinforcing the learning and recognition of colors and letters that our little ones are doing in school this month.

Materials:

Crayons
Beginning—writing paper
Shadow box frame
Pencil
Marker
Tacky glue



Instructions:

Remove wrapping from several crayons

Mount a sheet of beginning –writer paper on a thin piece of cardboard and trim it to fit a shadow box frame

Use a pencil to sketch a letter lightly onto the paper and write the child's name below the letter with marker

Cover the letter generously with tacky glue and press on the crayon pieces

Place a book on top of the crayons to hold them in place and let glue dry.

Place artwork in frame and display

School Business

Fundraising:

**IMPORTANT
REMINDER!!**

Please be sure to attend our Papa Gino's Community Fundraiser and help support your school!

TLC will earn 20% of all purchases made by those accompanied by our flyer. Be sure to make copies and invite all your family and friends to join us. Don't have time to stay for dinner? Carry-out counts too!

When: **Monday, September 26th**
Time: **4:00– 9:00pm**

Where: Papa Gino's in the Kohl's Plaza, Salem, NH

Papa Gino's #: 603-893-8476

Wish List:

This month we are requesting items for our emergency back pack and emergency plan. If you are able to purchase any of the items it would be greatly appreciated!

Flashlight: wind up/ shake or
Battery powered
Radio: battery powered
Batteries: for flashlight and radio
Water: 2 gallons
Baby wipes
Anti-bacterial wipes
Duct tape
Saran wrap
Space blankets

Newsletter suggestions:

If you would like to see something in the newsletter that was not included or have suggestion on how to improve it please feel free to contact me at any time. If you've taken pictures of our super cute kids during class or school events please feel free to forward them to me by email and I will try and include some each month.

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