



Stepping Stones Newsletter

(Where You'll Find the Good Details)

Our newsletter is also available online @ www.steppingstonesschoolnh.com

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!!
We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and is ready to get back to the regular routine of school.

Flu and cold season has arrived! Please work with us to help keep everyone well. The Flu does not go away in a day or two and often takes a person one to three weeks to fully recuperate. Please cooperate by doing your part and keeping sick children home.

Remember the best defense against the flu is frequent, proper hand washing and Rest! Rest! Rest!!

Outside Winter Play

Brrrr it has been miserably cold outside! Although we have had snow and more predicted to come it has just been too cold to get out. Hopefully our temperatures will soon return to the twenties and thirties and we will go outside at 11:30. As long as we can maintain this good snow coverage and the wind chill is above 20 you must assume we will be going out.

Therefore, all children will need to bring snow pants and warm mittens in a bag to school every day it looks like we might get to go out.

Once again we request that you please label each piece of outer clothing clearly with your child's first & last name. Jackets, hats, mittens and boots should be **worn** to school; snow-pants should come in a bag for later. **A pair of slippers or sneakers must be kept at school to wear indoors.** The State requires you to please send them to school in a large zippered bag that your child can open and close properly. Each slipper and the bag should be clearly labeled with your child's first and last name. I am sorry to have to repeat myself so many

times but we continue to struggle with these issues

In the Classroom

Dinosaurs! Dinosaurs! Calling all future paleontologist! Some grew to be huge and others stayed tiny. Some had webbed feet and wings; some walked on two feet or sometimes four.

There is something fascinating for everyone to learn this month as we study about the dinosaurs of long ago.

As we move on through the month we will learn that perhaps it was ice that destroyed the dinosaurs and that will lead us very nicely into investigating winter around us and other fun snow and ice related projects.

Our Threes will have fun with collage and finger painting as they create dinosaurs. They are also going to make a color book this month. Kristen will be sending home a color calendar that will begin January 17th. Please dress in the color of the day on that day so that we can take pictures and create a class color book.

Our Fours will be investigating many math concepts through our studies; symmetry, patterns, size, measurement, and graphing are only a few. They will predict and estimate as they compare their footprints to those of a Tyrannosaurus Rex.

Be sure to come to our Winter Open House to view the Fours' life size replica of a Pteranodon with it's 27 foot wing span hanging from our ceiling! They will be roller painting the wings next week and it is going to be awesome! Their large Stegosaurus and its boney plate pattern will also be on display by the end of the month.

Check the back page for details about our Enrichment Class this month....

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January 2018

Special points of interest:

- ☺ Special Thanks
- ☺ Outside Winter Play
- ☺ In The Classroom
- ☺ Registration
- ☺ Fours Enrichment Class
- ☺ Visitations
- ☺ Open House

Important Dates

- **Monday 1/15**
\$125 Reg Fee Due
2018-19 School Year
- **No School 1/15**
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **Friday 1/19 12:00-2**
Fours Enrichment
Dinosaur Presentation
- **Saturday 1/20**
9-12
Open House

**Stepping Stones Presents
Beaver Brook Association's
Dinosaur Expert
To the Fours Enrichment Class
January 19 12:00-2:00
Pizza Lunch
Lots of Dinosaur Artifacts and
Fun Activities
Join us for \$25**

Visitations for potential students and their parents begin this week. As many of you experienced yourselves the first time you came to Stepping Stones, it is an excellent opportunity to see our school "in action". Please join us in welcoming them to Stepping Stones. They are always very interested in your input and personal stories about your experiences here at Stepping Stones.
Thank you

Recipe For Fun

Hats
Waterproof Mittens
Warm Jacket
Snow Pants
Dry Boots

Snow

**We play outside
Every day it is
above 20 and
not icy on the
playground!**

Registration 2018/ 2019

It is that time of year again! In house registration is now taking place. \$125 is due by January 15. Open registration for the general public begins January 15th. Right now we are holding spots for siblings of children presently or previously enrolled, but nothing is secure until a deposit is received. If your child is not returning, please let his/her teacher know in writing as soon as possible. Thank you!

Tuition Fees 2018-2019

For the first time in over ten years there will be a slight increase in tuition for the Threes and Fours Class. The Enrichment Program will remain the same.

Threes: \$240

Mon & Wed 9:00-12
Lead Teacher: Kristen Wilson
Support Staff: Carmen Abdulla
Karen Wilson
Music: Mrs. Joan Virga

Fours: \$340

T, TH, & F 9:00-12
Lead teachers: Karen Wilson
Kristen Wilson
Support Staff: Carmen
Music: Mrs. Joan Virga

Fours with Enrichment Class: \$465

Tues. Thurs, & Fri 9:00-2:30
Lead Teachers: Karen Wilson
Kristen Wilson

School Closings

**We are closed when
Derry Public Schools
close**

**We open at 10 when
Derry Public School
delays their opening**

**Check WMUR (9)
For all delays and
closings of school**

Field Trips:

All field trips and special events are subject to weather. We reserve the right to cancel and/or reschedule field trips due to inclement weather.

A Special Thank You

We would like to thank each of you once again for your gifts to all of us. Whether you baked, made, bought something or contributed to a group gift; your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated by each of us.