



Stepping Stones Newsletter

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Welcome back!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Spring break. We can not believe May is here! This is our last newsletter of the year. Where has the time gone?

Don't forget that with May come the BLACK FLIES, mosquitoes and ticks. The state requires us to have you send in bug spray and instructions for application for your child. We are sending home the permission slip to apply it and ask that you please return it with a bottle of spray clearly labeled with your child's name.

Please remember to send your child dressed for playing hard outside. Knees and feet always need to be protected. Socks and sneakers are best. **All sandals must have protected toes and back straps.**

In the Classroom

We are all looking forward to our Mother's Day Celebrations. Your children and their teachers have been hard at work creating an exciting atmosphere in which to enjoy cookies and punch Wednesday and brunch on Friday. Delicious food skillfully prepared by our students/ staff and music will be enjoyed by everyone. We can't wait to see all you Moms. Don't forget your cameras!

The rainforest is down and "house" is back in Dramatic Play. Over the next few weeks we will be studying about the farm; how things grow and animals we find on the farm. Lots of farm puzzles, animals, books about the farm and games will be in the different centers in the classroom.

Farm will be gone by the end of May and the classroom will be filled with fun and interesting things from the ocean. We are so lucky to have such a vast amount of materials to choose from here at Stepping Stones. There is barely time enough to use it all!

Three's

The Threes are going to spend this month learning about farms and more specifically about farm animals. They will be working together with our Fours to create a large farm mural for the wall in the classroom.

June brings the ocean into our classroom. We will be learning about our friends in the

sea. The year will finish up with our all school beach Day on June 11th (rain date the 12th). Directions will be sent home at a later date.

Four's

The Fours will be doing a collaborative project with the Threes this month. If you get a chance, please stop in the classroom to see your children's awesome mural creations.

We are also anxiously waiting for the final stage of the metamorphosis of our caterpillars to butterflies. When we left last week they had begun to make their chrysalis. It should be any day now!

In June the children will be patterning a giant sized "Rainbow Fish" based on the popular book by Marcus Pfister. They will spend the month exploring ocean and beach life just in time to prepare for Beach Day.

Enrichment In the enrichment class we will study plants. We will learn the different parts of plants and the roles they play. We will even do some experiments with plants. We plan to read different versions of Jack in the Beanstalk and use "magic beans" to do math problems.

Parent Conferences

Final Parent conferences are in two weeks. Please call to reserve an appointment with either Kristen or Karen. In some circumstances you may wish to request that we are both present. Please indicate that at the time of scheduling and we will do our best to accommodate you.

**Parent Conferences:
Thurs. Eve. May 21 (5-8)
Friday May 22 (9-3)**

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May / June 2015

Important Dates:

5/06 & 5/08 Mother's Day Events

5/15 Kindergarten Orientation
No School

5/18 Threes Field Trip
Carriage Shack Farm 9:15

5/21 (evening) & 5/22 (daytime)
Parent Conferences for Everyone

5/25 No School - Memorial Day

5/26 4's Trip to Friendly Farm

6/05 Tidal Pool Presentation
Stay and Play Event

6/09 Fours Finale 12 noon

6/10 All School Event
Father's Day Ice Cream Social

6/11 Beach Day
Newcastle Beach NH
All School Event (6/12 Rain date)

More news on the other side!

More news from Stepping Stones

Farm Field Trips Information:

The **Fours** visit the Friendly Farm in Dublin, NH Tuesday May 26th. This trip is open to the whole family. It takes a little over an hour to get there so we will extend our day to include a picnic lunch. If you need a ride then we will meet at the school at 9:00. If you are not carpooling then we will meet at the farm.

Once we get to the farm the children will be able to see, touch and feed various farm animals. We will be moving about the farm as a class together.

It is a wonderful, hands-on experience. Plan to be home by about 2:30. There is plenty of free parking at the farm.

The **Threes** visit the Carriage Shack Farm in Londonderry, NH Monday, May 18th. This trip is also open to the whole family. It is a small, working family farm with a variety of animals to see and pet. There are also individual pony rides for each of the children and a wagon ride for everyone. We will dismiss from the farm by noon.

Our **"Stay and Play"** afternoon in April was such a huge success that we have decided to do it again in June. The Seacoast Science Center is actually bringing their

Tidal Pool Creatures Presentation

here to Stepping Stones to the Enrichment Class on June 5th. After a short introduction to New England ocean creatures the children will be divided into small groups to explore different stations that they will set up.

This is a hands on opportunity for the children to hold and observe up close and personal creatures you may find out in the tide pools at the beach.

We will send home more information later this month but are hoping lots of your children will choose to participate.



Summer Program for Summer 2015*

Registration for our summer program is underway. There are 4 fun weeks to choose from starting in mid July. At this time we already have 8-10 children enrolled each week. Don't miss out!

Camp runs from 9 am to 2 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It includes outside play, projects, swim lessons, and fun with music and stories. All children who will be four by September 30th are eligible. We include children up to 9 years old. Bring a friend; you do not have to be registered at Stepping Stones to participate.

Call if you would like additional brochures for friends and family.

* Payment is due upon registration. Thank you.

Fours Finale

**A Celebration of our Time Together
Stepping Stones Pot Luck Lunch**

6/09/14 @ 12

Save the Date More Info to Follow

**A special thank you to our room mothers for
helping to organize this event for all of us**



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