

Live and Learn Family News

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Family Surveys

Please fill out the surveys and return to your classroom

- We use this information to improve our program
- The classroom with the most surveys filled out and returned will receive a PJ and Pancake Day!

Picture Retake Day

- Saturday November 5th at the Candace Pratt Studio Lee, NH. Pictures are usually back by mid-October

Attention all parents either employed by or enrolled as students at UNH:

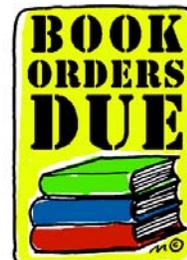
You are invited to join the Wildcat Working Parents Online Network. This newly launched web forum is a resource for parents regarding all of the challenges faced by working families. If you are interested, please go to <https://www.bigtent.com/groups/wwparentsnet> and join us today! If you have any questions, contact jennifer.borda@unh.edu.



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Scholastic Book Orders are DUE on Friday
October 7th. Thank you!

Go to Scholastic.com type in code **(GTB9N)**



Gerry's Kitchen

This is what the kids loved this week!

Oatmeal Butternut Squash Cookies

Ingredients:

- 2 Cups All Purpose Flour
- 1 1/3 Cups Old Fashioned Rolled Oats
- 1 1/4 tsp. Baking Powder
- 2 tsp. Ground Cinnamon
- 1 tsp. Ground Ginger
- 1 tsp. Kosher Salt
- 2 Sticks Unsalted Butter, Softened
- 1 Cup Packed Dark Brown Sugar
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 1 Large Egg
- 1 tsp. Vanilla Extract
- 1 1/2 Cups Butternut Squash Puree 1 1/4 Cups Powdered Sugar
- 2 TBSP. Milk (more as needed to create desired consistency) 1 TBSP. Maple Syrup
- Small Pinch of Salt



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 and line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. In a medium bowl, combine 2 cups all purpose flour, 1 1/3 cups oats, 1 1/4 tsp. baking powder, 2 tsp. ground cinnamon, 1 tsp. ground ginger, and 1 tsp. Kosher salt. Whisk to mix well and set aside.
3. In a large mixing bowl, combine 2 sticks softened butter, 1 cup packed dark brown sugar, and 1 cup white sugar. Mix on medium speed until light and fluffy, scraping down the sides a couple of times. Add 1 egg and 1 tsp. vanilla and mix well. Scrape down sides as needed.
4. Add 1/2 of the flour mixture. Mix on low speed until just incorporated. Add in 3/4 cup of the Butternut Squash puree and mix until just incorporated. Repeat with the remaining flour mixture and Butternut Squash puree.
5. Scoop the dough into rounds on the parchment lined baking sheets. I used my medium scoop and was able to get 12 dough rounds on each cookie sheet.
6. Place both cookie sheet in the oven. Bake for 10 minutes. Rotate the racks and bake for 10 minutes more or until the cookies are just beginning to brown around the edges. Remove from oven and allow to cool on the baking sheet for a few minutes. Transfer to a wire rack and cool completely. Continue until all cookies are baked.
7. When the cookies are cooled, prepare the icing by combining 1 1/4 cups powdered sugar with 2 TBSP. milk, 1 TBSP. maple syrup, and a small pinch of salt. Whisk until smooth. Add more milk to thin as needed and more maple syrup and salt to taste.
8. Drizzle over the cookies and allow to dry. The icing should set nicely in about 30 minutes. Enjoy!

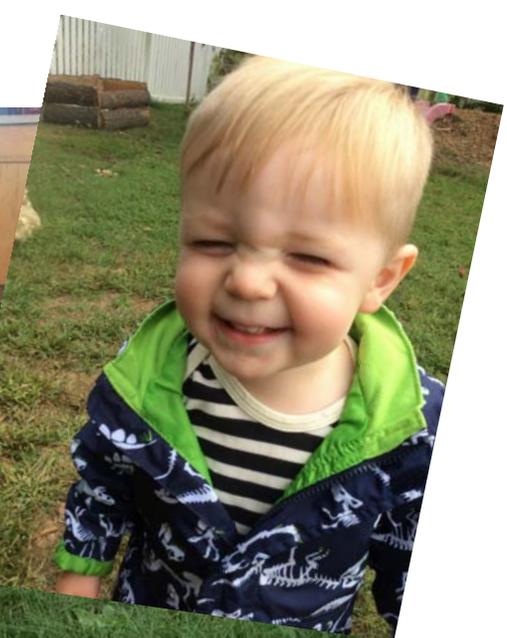


Fall is coming! The infants did some more exploring of the pumpkin and gourds. They also got to feel dried corn cobs look at the beauty of the changing leaves. The older children worked on their gross motor skills while trying to balance on the rocking lamb. Some of the younger infants are have been working really hard at sitting independently and pushing up onto their hands and knees.



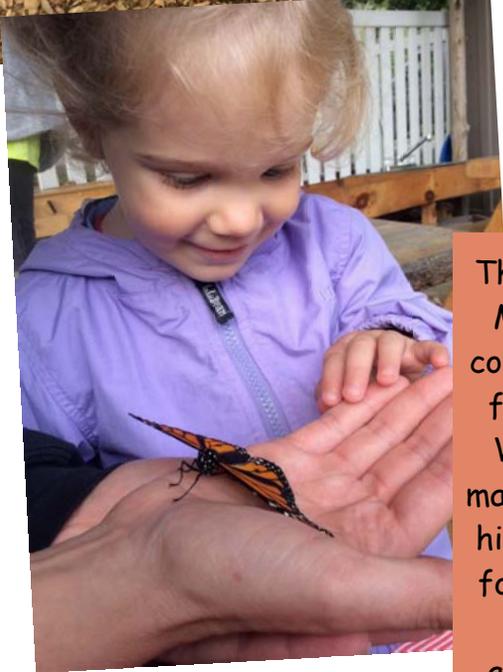
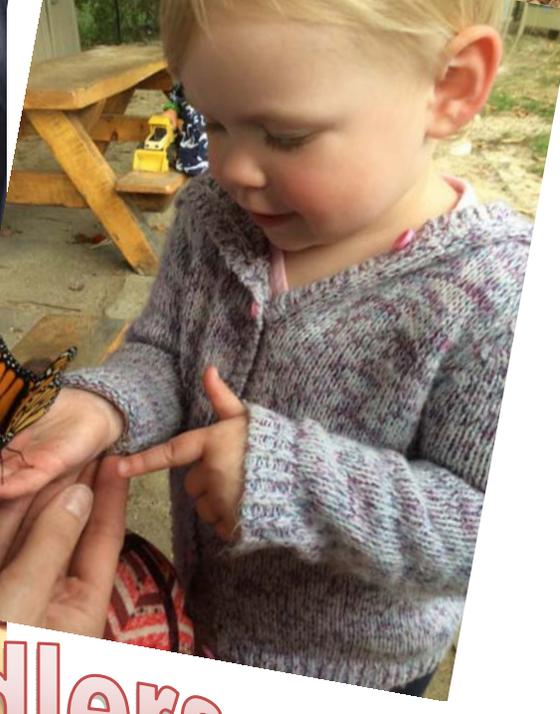
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Toddlers

We have had a lot of friends out spending time with family this week and some days we only had two friends come to school! We stayed busy by painting, exploring sand and tractors in the sensory table and getting our pictures professionally done by Candace! We also enjoyed helping Waddlers set the Monarch Butterflies into the wild and we wrote letters back and forth to Roy using our newly installed mail system at Live and Learn. We also welcomed Norah (from infants) up to play with us for part of each day. We really like having her exploring toddlers!



Waddlers

This week was full of so much wonder and excitement as we watched our Monarch Butterflies erupt from their chrysalis's and fly away. It was cold enough that the butterflies visited with us for a while before taking flight. One even spent the night outside and joined us for picture day!

We are also excited to be learning about the mail system. Roy has his mailbox up in the barn and we have been writing letters back and forth to him. We told him that we are interested in cows. He did some research for us and we have learned that cows do not have a set of top teeth and they drink about a bathtub full of water every day! We are thinking about maybe going to visit some cows! The weather has been beautiful and we have been happy to be outside exploring nature and singing songs. We have increased our upper body strength a lot on the rings and bars!



Younger preschool Family News



This week we did a lot of cooperative play. We did art, baked, and got out the giant parachute with Older Preschool and we splatter painted and played with kindergarten. The children loved celebrating Tracey's birthday this week. They wanted to make it super special and had many ideas. We love spending time with other classroom and can't wait to see others! Enjoy your weekend!

Wish list: we would love some child sized forks and spoons



Older Preschool



Fall is here!

We have been enjoying the weather and started some fall themed activities.

We have been busy making "nature self-portraits" to go along with our "All About Me" interviews this week - be on the lookout for them on display next week!

Field trip Tuesday - please have your child here at 8:30!

Have a wonderful weekend! :)

Kindergarten



It's been a busy week in Kindergarten! Our Painted Ladies flew away on Monday, just before the fall weather officially arrived. We've had lots of indoor and outdoor fun--from journal writing to Troll Tag and everything in between! Ask us to sing our "Days of the Week" song or all about the fairy house and boat that we built!





Rising Hawk



The North Wind is blowing in..

...and we've been watching the geese fly south for the winter. But that isn't all! We've been playing hard--Cat and Mouse tag is a new favorite of ours. Some of our girls have started their own gymnastics studio and our quest for the Goblin King has continued.