

KAREN'S FALL NEWSLETTER



WELCOME FALL!

For those of you wondering where our newsletters have disappeared to, they haven't! We are changing the format slightly to focus more on the season; talking about things we have done as well as things we are looking forward to. We are all well into the swing of things with Autumn in our midst, lots of leaves to rake and jump in! Walks to take collecting pine cones and acorns for our many projects.

The end of the summer saw us say goodbye to some good friends; Kirsten, Kaylyn and Brianna moved to a new house in a new town; we wish them the best of luck with their exciting new venture, and we know they will be back to visit!

We also said auvoir to Julia and Colby the end of September, as they also moved away to a different town, different school district. We miss you very much and cant wait for your many visits on school vacations and snow days!

We welcomed back Bryauna and a new student as well, Alexis. Kristofer and Kenneth also are back, a year older and a year wiser!

As always, our cookbook is available and is constantly being updated with new and delicious allergy free recipes.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Ellis School

9/1 No School/Labor Day Holiday
 10/3 No School/Professional Day
 10/13 No School/Columbus Day Holiday
 11/4 No School/Professional Day
 11/11 No School/Veterans Day Holiday
 11/26 -11/28 No School/Thanksgiving Holiday
 12/24-1/5 No School/Xmas Vacation

Bakie School

9/1 No School/Labor Day Holiday
 10/10 No School/Professional Day
 10/13 No School/Columbus Day Holiday
 11/5 Early Release

11/11 No School/Veterans Day Holiday
 11/26 -11/28 No School/Thanksgiving Holiday
 12/3 Early Release
 12/24-1/5 Xmas Vacation

Swasey School

9/1 No School/Labor Day Holiday
 9/24 Early Release
 10/10 Early Release
 10/13 No School/Columbus Day Holiday
 11/4 No School/Teacher In Service Day
 11/11 No School/Veterans Day Holiday
 11/12 Early Release

11/26-11/28 No School/Thanksgiving Holiday
 12/24 -1/5 Xmas Vacation

Karen's Kozy Korner will be closing on Wednesday, November 26,2008 at noon, as well as the following day for November 27, 2008 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will be open regular operating hours Friday, November 28, 2008.

We will also be closing at noon on December 24, 2008 as well as December 25, 2008 and January 1, 2009. We are open all other days for the Xmas break.

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LETTER FROM KAREN & NICOLE

We introduced Buttercups to the infant/toddler group at the beginning of the school year. It is not as project based as the Fireflies curriculum, rather it focuses on the fine motor, and gross motor skills.

The Fireflies group has settled in nicely, and we still incorporate Little Pim, our French Panda, in our circle time for Numbers, Days of the Week, etc. New this year from Funshine Express "PARENT PARTICIPATION", which is terrific; it allows the families to be involved with upcoming projects for class. Thank you to all so far who have helped; we have had some great stuff turned in. Funshine's website is always updated with news, examples of upcoming curriculum, book lists, and much more. Check them out on www.funshineexpress.com

Some of the themes we will be exploring this fall are "SAFETY", DINOSAURS, AND APPLES...FIRE, SPIDERS, THE SEASONS, SLEEPTIME, MANNERS AND GIVING THANKS"

We also introduced our HELPER NECKLACES which thanks to Marilyn and her Mom are worn for the entire week by each student with a designated job highlighted with a picture of the chore, such as the "CUP" necklace, where that particular child is responsible for clearing the tables of cups after snack and lunch. The children love it and take it very seriously. We have been told that one family actually made their own necklaces at home for their mealtimes!

We are still encouraging computer time on Starfall.com and are proud of how the younger children have improved their mouse skills on the PC! We hope you all enjoyed the alphabet books the older children made this summer as much as we enjoyed making them. Our library is filled each month, thanks to the help of Ryan and his Mom taking the book list to the Brentwood Library, to find the books we are unable to find in Fremont.

This fall we decided to forgo our usual apple picking journey since so many families were going on their own on the weekends. Instead we took a trip to Salem, Mass for "HAUNTED HAPPENINGS" and had a spooky good time! Thank you Heather, Renee, Mary-Jo, and "Auntie" Nicole for chaperoning.

Thanksgiving at Karen's Kozy Korner will be celebrated at lunch, as is our tradition. This year it will be Tuesday, November 25, 2008, due to the early closing the following day.

We also had a visit in late September from Officer Adam Raymond of the Fremont Police to talk about safety, including emergency situations, calling 911, and how to NOT talk to strangers. Firefighters John and Jay showed up in our driveway for Fire Safety Week, and everyone got to sit in the truck and explore the instruments. We are excited as to what the upcoming holidays may bring us in the way of surprises; you never know who may show up unexpectedly!

We will be offering the "PARENTS NITE OUT" this year beginning Friday, November 28th, 2008 and continuing thru Friday, December 19th, 2008. More information will be sent home separately as to cost and what we will be offering.

Everyone is aware of the book/movie sign out sheet; thank you Renee for designing it for us! We also have videos available on a wide range of subjects that we recommend for family viewing time. As I have told many of you in the past check out the Family Resource Connection; they are fantastic. Books, videos, you name it, they have it on any subject related to children/young adults, and if they don't have it they will find it for you. As well as sending it to you postage paid, they include the postage for you to send it back. It's a win/win and I can tell you from personal experience we have received material from them over and over that has helped immensely with different challenges we have had. Melissa Kelly is the Program assistant and she is available by email at Melissa.kelly@dcr.nh.gov or you can go directly to

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Curriculum folders are going home on Fridays, and are expected to be returned by the following week, preferably no later than Tuesday/Wednesday. Homework is going home and we are sensitive to everyone's busy schedules on the weekends, thus we don't expect the homework back immediately, but we do expect it back within a few days from giving it to you. We are not concerned with the end product at this point as much as the progress we will all see.

Parents have been asking us when class starts and when breakfast ends. Breakfast is served to those arriving earlier than most and ends at 7:45 a.m. Circle Time begins at 8:00 a.m. For those students who arrive after these times, please have your child hang their belongings in their cubby and join the group in as quiet a manner as possible. Encourage "WALKING FEET"! Thank you to the parents who call in when they are running late; it really helps us to be prepared. The kids have a lot to go over with in a short time frame, including breaking for snack and lunch. We want them to enjoy it and not feel rushed.

Lastly, I would like to thank Mary-Jo for all her help in the last six months. She has gone above and beyond, and the list is too long to name everyone job description she has filled. Let's all congratulate her on her new job! And she is not out of our lives, we will just see her less.

Miss Nicole recently received her LEVEL TWO Credential, kudos to you Nicole! Along with raising a toddler and working full time she is continuing her ECE classes at Granite State every Tuesday night.

To everyone and theirs: Have a wonderful Thanksgiving as well as Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanza.

Miss Karen
Miss Nicole

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mark (Superman) turned 3 on 9/11 and Alexis as celebrated a September birthday reaching the 3 year old mark.

Damon reached the ripe old age of 5 on 10/7, as well as Kristopher turning 7 on 10/28.
November birthdays include: Aidan who will be 4.

FALL THEMES

Balls, Cars & Teddy Bears; Colors: Red, Yellow & Blue; Shape: Circle



September: Dinosaurs Go to School, Fellin' Good/Stayin Safe, Apples Everywhere; A, B, C; 1, 2, 3; Red; Introduce Shapes

October: Fire Safety, Four Seasons, Spin A Web; D, E, F, 4, 5, 6; Black, Orange; Triangle

November: Sleep Tight!, Manners Matter, Let's Give Thanks; G, H, I; 7, 8; Brown; Rectangle