

# East Fairhaven School

## Preschool Newsletter

Mrs. Deegan's Preschool Class  
December 2011



### A Peek at the Month

Our focus this month will be "sharing & caring". We will be discussing ways that we can show how we care about each other. In the classroom the children have been doing an extraordinary job of helping and caring for each other.

We will be talking about the different ways that families celebrate the upcoming holidays. We would love to hear from you and what traditions your family has; whether it is a special story, snack, etc. Please contact me if you and your child would like to share and or tell us about your holiday tradition.

### Letters of the Month

This month we will be listening to stories & making letter puppets for letters

Rr (Racing Raccoon), Ee (Enor Elephant),  
Mm (Merry Mouse),

We will be focusing on the letter sounds, identifying the uppercase & lowercase letters and practice printing the letters.

#### Lively Letters

We continue our introduction of "Lively Letters". Main focus will be phonemic awareness and letter sound associations.

We will use songs, brief stories and hand cues to help link the oral kinesthetic cues (mouth movements) with the letter shapes and sounds.

Lively Letter Sounds: r, m, n, e, l

### Peace Builders

This month we will continue to focus on how Peace Builders "give up put-downs".

We will be talking about how words we use can hurt others. We will talk about the importance of "giving up put-downs".

### Color of the Month

We are learning the color "White" song.

White

(sung to the tune of "Mary Had A Little Lamb")

*Spell the color white with me,*

*W-h-i-t-e.*

*Spell the color white with me,*

*W-h-i-t-e.*

*Many things we see are white!  
Sparkling teeth, gleaming bright,  
Marshmallows and clouds we see*

*W-h-i-t-e.*

In addition to learning the color white song, the children are being introduced to signing the color white and letters *w-h-i-t-e*.

### Skills this Month

Math: Number concepts and numerals 1 to 6.

We will begin talking about measurement.

Phonemic Awareness: Letter sounds /r/, /m/, /n/, /l/ and /e/,

Auditory discrimination: listening for sounds/words that sound the same/different.

Language: following 2 step verbal directions.

Concepts: beside, next to and between.

Social: Focus on the ways we can show others we care by helping each other.

### Holiday Book Exchange

We will be doing a Children's Book Exchange as part of our Holiday Celebration (Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>).

Each child is asked to bring in a wrapped storybook (\$5.00 value). Tag the gift, "From: (your child's name)". Please send in the wrapped book no later than Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Looking Ahead...

Holiday Concert: Wednesday,  
December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.

Holiday Celebration/Book Exchange:  
Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

School Vacation: starts on Friday, December 23  
Classes Resume Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>