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FAMILY OPEN DOOR DAY WITH A FOCUS ON MATHEMATICS A SUCCESS

Canton, MA, January 28, 2011 – Many family members joined their children at school during Learning Circle Preschool's recent Family Open Door Day. Classroom materials included many that were labeled as math activities for children and parents to try together. Children enjoyed having extra time with their families at the beginning of the school day, and parents appreciated gaining some new insights into how mathematical thinking develops during the preschool years.

After shared time in the classrooms, family members were invited to join a discussion about the development of mathematical thinking. Topics included a brief review of what children know about math, some of the categories of mathematical thinking children use, and a discussion about appropriate expectations for preschool and kindergarten children. Also included in the discussion were ideas for supporting mathematical thinking at home, including setting up the environment, asking good questions about children's work and ideas, and about ways that parents can acknowledge children's work and accomplishments as they grow.

Learning Circle Preschool, accredited by NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) offers families discussions around common interests often. Program choices for children are two, three, or five days for children aged 2.9 or older. Set at the foot of the Great Blue Hill, the facility houses three spacious classrooms and features a highly individualized, creative, and engaging curriculum that follows best practice guidelines developed by Massachusetts and the National Association of Educators of Young Children.

The Learning Circle's kindergarten class accepts older pre-k children who are not yet eligible for a public school kindergarten but who may benefit developmentally from a transitional class, as well as children who will make the transition to first grade in the following year.

Learning Circle uses a project approach in curriculum development that is inspired by schools that developed in Reggio Emilia, Italy, featuring an emergent curriculum model developed from observations of the children's play, a focus on projects and collaborative learning, carefully organized and aesthetically pleasing classrooms and common spaces, and an understanding that the school environment can teach, and sets a tone for a comfortable and engaging environment for learning.

Please call the Director, Katrina Selawsky at **781-828-4800** for more information about summer programs or enrollment for the 2011 academic school year. Families are welcome to arrange to tour the facility, and may also contact the school by email (info@learningcirclepreschool.org) or visit the school's website at www.learningcirclepreschool.org.