



## FEBRUARY EARLY RELEASE

For the February early release, we did a trip to Chestnut Hill to visit stores and hoped to walk around the Hammond Pond. Rain and mud prevented the later. The group enjoyed exploring Star Market, spent time in CVS, enjoyed snacks

at Shake Shack and discovered gadgets at the Container Store.

Because the weather was cold and rainy, we didn't do a walk around the pond. During the year, we do lots of local trips. This gives us an opportunity to visit many

neighborhoods in Newton and learn how to get there by public transportation. The next early release day is on Thursday, March 19. We're planning a stay at HASP option and a trip to the Gardner Museum. Information will follow in early March.



CVS



SHAKE SHACK



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# ACTIVITY SAMPLER



Fruit Kabobs



Game Day



LARP



Jeopardy Match



Shake Shack



Straw Game



Valentine Fruit Kabobs



# FEBRUARY PHOTO GALLERY



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## PHOTO LIST

1. MOVIE DAY
2. EARLY SPRING @ THE PLAYGROUND
3. TETHERBALL
4. NEWTON CENTRE TRIP
5. GAMING
6. QUILLING
7. BAKING
8. GAMING
9. SWINGING INTO SPRING



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## Brownie Recipe

(WINNING RECIPE)

### Ingredients:

*3/4 cup unsalted butter*

*4 oz. semi-sweet chocolate bar coarsely chopped*

*2 cups granulated sugar*

*3 eggs at room temperature*

*2 teaspoons vanilla*

*1 cup unsweetened or dutch-processed cocoa powder*

*1 cup all purpose flour*

*1 teaspoon salt*

*Optional 1 1/4 cup chocolate chips*

### Directions:

Slowly melt the butter and semi-sweet chocolate  
At room temperature beat in the sugar, eggs and  
vanilla.

After whisking together the dry ingredients, lightly  
mix into the batter. Bake at 350F until done.



## CUPCAKE RECIPE

### INGREDIENTS:

1 1/3 CUP FLOUR

1 1/4 BAKING POWDER

1/2 TEASPOON SALT

1 CUP SUGAR

2 EGGS

2 TEASPOON VANILLA

1/2 CUP YOGURT



### DIRECTIONS:

PREHEAT OVEN 350F

WISK FIRST 3 INGREDIENTS

CREAM LAST 4 INGREDIENTS

MIX ALL TOGETHER

SCOOP BATTER INTO CUPCAKE  
LINERS & BAKE UNTIL TOOTH PICK  
TESTS DRY



### DECORATING:

THE FUN PART!

1 CUP VERY SOFT BUTTER

5 CUPS CONFECTIONER'S SUGAR

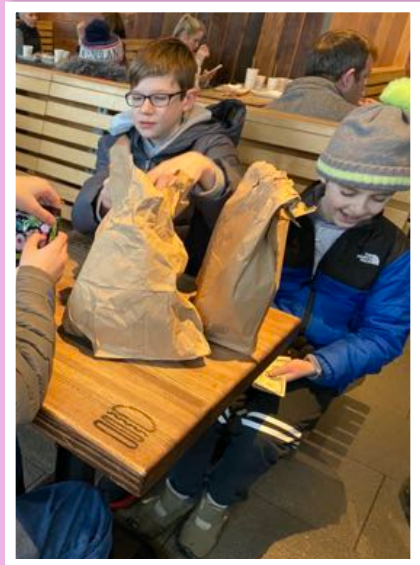
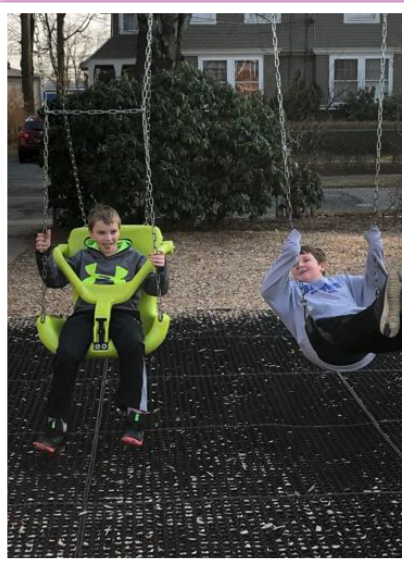
1 TEASPOON VANILLA

HEAVY CREAM UNTIL TEXTURE  
IS RIGHT

ADD COLORS AND DECORATE  
USING FROSTING BAG.







February Photo Gallery