• **Sisks and Snowshoes**
  Thanks to the Sheldon Miller Fund from the town of West Fairlee, we received 20 pairs of snow man little skis and 23 pairs of snowshoes for our students. Thank you to our wonderful community!

• **Winter Carnival**
  Before winter recess, our entire school participated in a Winter Carnival afternoon where students rotated through four outdoor activities. The most popular, Native American Snow Snakes, was led by local community member, Chief Nate Pero. We also had a sledding station, snowball toss and a place to make snow sculptures. The fabulous afternoon ended with cocoa and cookies.

• **We Love to Read Week**
  We are extremely excited about our “We Love to Read Week” plans. We have an assembly planned for the first day with classes sharing information they have learned about Dr. Seuss and his books. On Wednesday, the staff will be serving our students green eggs and ham for breakfast. We have an all-school and family read on Thursday where each student will receive a Dr. Seuss bag and be given time to pick gently used books to take home.

• **Preschool Update**
  We are currently accepting applications for next year’s preschool classes. We have 12 students heading to kindergarten in the fall and we have 14 students already registered for our two classrooms. On March 30th we are offering a screening for those families who may feel their children need extra support.

• **Jump Rope for Heart**
  We have started our campaign to raise money for The American Heart Association through the *Jump Rope for Heart* program. Last year we raised an incredible $4,487.00, and we hope to increase the donations this year. We are even offering an extra incentive—the student who raises the most money will have the chance to throw a pie in my face (I know, what was I thinking?), and this has added a whole new dimension to the challenge. A huge thank you to Ms. Otis for her enthusiasm and for bringing a program like this to Westshire, and for convincing me to take a pie in the face.

• **Upcoming Events**
  March 16th brings our Jump Rope for Heart assembly where students will be rewarded for their hard work of collecting donations and I will receive my pie. In April we have our Spring Concert, and we can’t wait to celebrate our students with our ROCKS afternoon in late May.