



# The Learning Tree Store Webletter

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## Children and Youth Programs

### LTMAN Speak It! Write It! Hear It!

#### Mandarin Chinese For Beginners

for Middle and High School Students

Marlene Ross, DML (Doctor of Modern Language) This course is intended to introduce students to the fundamentals of Mandarin Chinese. It will focus on building conversational skills for every day topics such as : greetings, visiting and inviting friends, shopping, dining, family and appointment making. Key language structures and interesting cultural customs will be presented along the way. Here is the opportunity to study Mandarin Chinese if your school does not offer it ! In this year of the Tiger, why not build your language skills and strengthen your options at The Learning Tree Store in Stoneham? Marlene Ross brings a background of Foreign Language teaching in the Wilmington Public School system in addition to extensive global travel.

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00-6:00

The Learning Tree Store, Stoneham

3/2 and 3/4; 3/9 and 3/11; 3/16 and 3/18; 3/23 and 3/25

4/6 and 4/8; 4/13 and 4/15; 4/27 and 4/29; 5/4 and 5/6

5/11 and 5/13; 5/18 and 5/20

\$369.00 (Text and workbook are additional)

Enrollment limited to 10 participants



### Look! A New Class for Kids

(Birth to 4 yrs.) with Grown ups!

#### LTPENNY GET UP & GO!

Class Leader: Penny Kohut

Tuesday mornings 10:15-

11:00 2/23 - 4/13 ( 8 weeks)

\$40 (note: SIBLINGS under 6 mos free!)

Pre-registration required at [www.tltree.com](http://www.tltree.com)

Winter got you down? Need to get out? Let out that pent up energy with children's music specialist Penny Kohut at The

Learning Tree Store in Stoneham! Have lots of fun and enjoy singing, clapping and action with your little ones ages birth to 48 months!

Penny Kohut, who believes in the motto, "Don't behave, just be!", is a former pre-school music teacher who specializes in children's and family musical entertainment. Her programs, which are designed to encourage freedom and fun, have been presented in libraries and various venues all over the metro Boston area for the past 12 years.

## Teacher Workshops

### LT1762 Seeing Math/Learning Math: How Visual Models and Stories can be used to Engage Children in the Study of Mathematics

Stuart J. Murphy, Author: MathStart series

Wednesday 2/24 from 6:00-8:00 in Stoneham

\$40.00 2 PDPs Pre-Grade 3

This workshop will demonstrate how visual learning strategies can clarify mathematical concepts, and how children's books can make math relevant to the lives of young children. Together, visual models and stories can motivate children and help them to communicate about math.

The award-winning author will use his own books, reference his experiences in classrooms across the country, and show examples of student work. Visual Learning will be defined and the skills and strategies associated with it will be discussed.

The primary objective of this workshop is to provide practical ideas for teaching math that can immediately be put to use. Participants will be asked to work in groups to create their own activities and visual models. Ample question and answer time will be allocated.



### LT1763 3 - 4 - 5, Sing and Thrive!

Carole Peterson

Wednesday, 3/24, from 6:00-8:00, Stoneham

\$40.00 2PDPs PreK-K



Children should feel that learning is fun, exciting and easy. How do we do that? MUSIC! Concepts and skills accompanied by a catchy tune or movement activity are remembered forever. Developmentally appropriate music is Miss Carole's specialty. You'll get some classroom management techniques for active music, how to organize a dedicated music time, and some of the music imperatives that come from brain and body research. Come prepared to sing and move!

### LT1764 Science Enrichment Programs that Promote Inquiry

Joan Sullivan ([www.familymathandscience.org](http://www.familymathandscience.org))

Tuesday, 4/6 from 6:00-8:00, Stoneham

\$25.00 2PDPs K-Grade 8

Learn how to develop successful informal science learning experiences aligned with the Massachusetts frameworks. Build inquiry-based science lessons or activities into your after-school enrichment programs or family math/science night. Encourage children to explore, make their own discoveries and solve problems. Keep the joy of learning and discovery alive.



**More Children's Programs  
on Back Cover**



# Once Upon a Time

Literacy and More for Early Childhood Professionals

The Legacy of Teaching Early Childhood Institute

Presented by The Learning Tree Store - [www.tlthree.com](http://www.tlthree.com)

Saturday, March 6, 2010 at The Riverside School 99 Liberty Street Danvers, MA 01923

## Grace Lin



is the author and illustrator of more than a dozen picture books, including *The Ugly Vegetables* and *Dim Sum for Everyone*. Also an author of middle grade fiction, Grace's most recent novel *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* was released with glowing praise garnering 3 starred reviews and was the 2009 Parents' Choice Gold Winner. While most of Grace's books are about the Asian-American experience, she believes, "Books erase bias, they make the uncommon everyday, and the mundane exotic. A book makes all cultures universal." See more about Grace and her work at [www.gracelin.com](http://www.gracelin.com).

### Keynote Speaker:

Children's author/illustrator Grace Lin  
*Behind the Stories: Favorite question*

"Why do you paint all those swirls?" and others are explained in depth in this powerpoint presentation. Grace shows the inspirations and the thoughts that are behind her art style in stories.

Registration 8:00-8:30

Keynote 9:00-9:45

AM Workshops 10:00-12:00

PM Workshops 12:45-2:45

5 PDPs \$85.00

Continental Breakfast, buffet lunch, & drinks will be provided.  
Register Early!  
Space is limited.

To comply with Massachusetts Department of Education's requirements for professional development the institute offers five PDPs for attending the day. To complete your content institute of 10 hours for recertification, additional PDPs are offered at The Learning Tree Store.

### THANK YOU LEGACY VOLUNTEERS!

Mary Ellen Caulfield, Pattye Griffin, Toni D'Eramo, Carol Hartery, Betsy Brown, Sheila D'Ambrosio, Dr. Janet Arndt, Julie Fleming, Sandy Waddell, Mandy Navarro, Jan Plourde, Julie Carter, Diane Mendell, Mary Beth Celona, Elaine Barrows, Cindy Hatcher, Barbara Hanson, Kim Staples

## Morning Workshops 10:00-12:00

### A1: Path of a Multicultural Author

Grace Lin

Learn about Grace Lin's path to becoming a children's book creator and her embracing the adjective "multicultural." Using Grace's personal experiences, gain understanding about her books and the value of books that portray many cultures. Take a journey through the concept of literature and how cultures are portrayed through a powerpoint (graphically beautiful) presentation.

### A2: Once Upon a Time: Time Management

Dr. Janet Arndt

"Oh dear, oh dear, I'm late, I'm late!" "If you are feeling like the White Rabbit in Alice and Wonderland and managing time has you in a dither, come to this workshop to conquer your time management issues. The sharing and discussion of strategies to help you organize your day, classroom, and all that paperwork will provide stress relief and a new plan for getting through the day.

### A3: . Literacy Through Art

Kathryn DiPietro

A picture is worth a thousand words. Come and learn some watercolor painting techniques that will lead to powerful writing. Be prepared to paint and write. Learn a great way to encourage reluctant writers to expand their vocabulary and find the joy in writing.

### A4: Do You See What I See?

Tere Bowen-Irish

Learn what to look for in children who don't seem to see things the way that most children do. Learn how visual perception requires many factors including visual memory, discrimination, form recognition, form constancy, closure and others. Discuss how these visual factors can impact a child's performance in literacy, success with written communication, or navigation of one, two or three dimensional activities. Learn how to modify games, activities and curriculum to accommodate all children's visual abilities.

## Afternoon Workshops 12:45-2:45

### B1: Stories in Song and Dance

Lisa Cheney

Foster early language, literacy, and math skills through music and movement. Do what the research says! Sing, dance, experience, move and even play an instrument with this licensed Kindermusik Educator. Learn about how and why music and movement makes a difference and how music and movement fosters all learning domains in a child's development. Join Lisa for this high octane workshop.

### B2: That's Another Story

Donna Rosso and Jenny Corduck

"A sense of belonging and membership, positive social relationships and friendships, and development and learning to reach their full potential." DEC/NAEYC. (2009)

How do you create an inclusive environment for all children? Together we will explore the use of embedded interventions (environmental modifications and/or peer support) in inclusive early childhood classrooms. We will create tools you can use as you focus on and respond to the challenges faced each day in your work with young children with disabilities and their families.

### B3: Spring through Fiction and Nonfiction Books

Carol Hartery

Introduce your children to our beautiful world through fiction and nonfiction books. Create your own fiction and nonfiction books in this make and take workshop about "spring things" and literally grow your children's interests in books, language, science and nature. Springboard classroom activities to strengthen language arts skills through fiction children's book author/illustrators Lois Ehlert and Jan Brett. Develop discovery-based thinking using nature photos, found objects and nonfiction books.

### B4: Building, Blocks and Classic Stories

Patti Roka

Use your imagination and the stories you love to create a magical house. Build a 3-D house that represents classic stories using a basic house structure, recycled materials, and very basic architectural techniques. Step through the door into a world of wonder that will guide teachers to see our favorite stories with more dimension, through the windows of a child's world. Look and see who will become authors and architects!

## The Learning Tree Store

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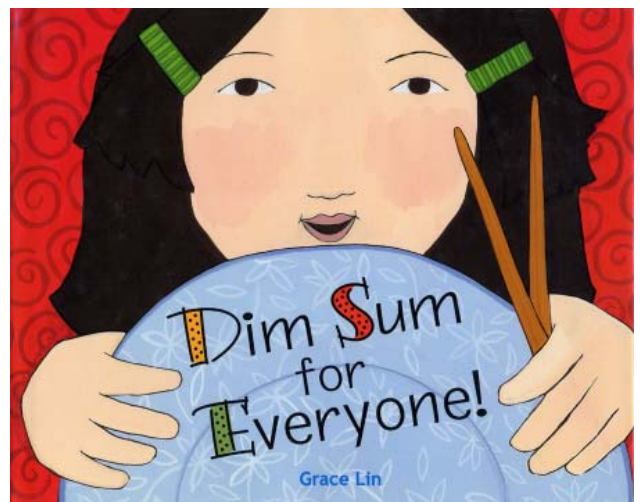
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## No Pencils Yet!

Learning Letters, Numbers, Shapes Before You Hold a Pencil

### LT1767 Stamping Letters, Numbers, Shapes

Carol Hartery

Thursday, 3/4 from 6:00-8:00, Stoneham

\$40.00 2PDPs PreK-Grade 1, ELL, Special Needs

Stamp with alphabet stamps. Stamp with number stamps. Stamp with shape stamps. Stamp with circles on the Letter A. Stamp with numbers on the letter B, Stamp with the Letter A on the circle shape. Create your own sequencing games, charts, books and activities with simple stamps that give children pre-reading and pre-writing (literacy) skills. No pencils yet!

### LT1768 Cutting Letters, Numbers, Shapes

Carol Hartery

Thursday, 3/11 from 6:00-8:00, Stoneham

\$40.00 2PDPs PreK-Grade 1, ELL, Special Needs

Cut the letters. Cut the numbers. Cut the shapes. Punch the letters. Punch the numbers. Punch the shapes. Sew the letters. Sew the numbers. Sew the shapes. Make puzzles. Make games. Make early literacy skills while helping children strengthen their fine motor skills. It is fun! No pencils yet!

### LT1769 Singing and Dancing Letters, Numbers, Shapes

Carol Hartery

Thursday, 3/25 from 6:00-8:00, Stoneham

\$40.00 2PDPs PreK-Grade 1, ELL, Special Needs

Sing and dance letters, numbers and shapes. Turn your classroom into a disco with dancing letters, jumping numbers and all kinds of shapes to keep your kids in shape as they learn early literacy skills. Learn about the music of Hap Palmer, Ella Jenkins and more. No pencils yet!

### LT1770 Making Books and Menus and of Letters, Numbers, Shapes

Carol Hartery

Thursday, 4/1 from 6:00-8:00, Stoneham

\$40.00 2PDPs PreK-Grade 1, ELL, Special Needs

Make books of letters, numbers and shapes from photos, scrapbook paper, trims, leftover construction paper, paperplates and even cereal boxes in this early literacy workshop. Bring letters, numbers and shapes to life in menus, signs, books and more. No pencils yet!

### LT1771 Finally, WRITING Letters, Numbers, Shapes

Carol Hartery

Thursday, 4/8 from 6:00-8:00, Stoneham

\$40.00 2PDPs PreK-Grade 1, ELL, Special Needs

Bring your pencils and your paper. Learn how to start to write your letters, numbers and shapes. Learn about different approaches to teaching upper and lowercase letters; numbers and shapes. You can use pencils in this workshop!

## Early Childhood Saturdays

### LT1754 Music, Literacy and Nutrition

Carol Hartery

Saturday, 3/13 from 8:30-2:00, Stoneham

\$85.00 5PDPs PreK-K (ELL, Special Needs)

Munch, chomp, chew, slurp, swallow, and mostly enjoy the language that children's musicians have developed for us to digest. Make an "alligator pie" that has zero calories but tons of possibilities to satisfy your young students' curious appetites. Use literature and poems to fill up your classroom with the joy of written, spoken or read language. Remember April is National Poetry Month.

### LT1766 Literacy Extensions for the Music of Carole Peterson Carol Hartery

Saturday, 4/10 from 8:30-2:00, Stoneham

\$85.00 5PDPs PreK-K, ELL, Special Needs

Introduce skills through learning music. Engage your children with the music of nationally-acclaimed children's musician Carole Peterson. Create activities, games, props and more to further enhance the music and make learning fun, fun, fun!

## Parents and Teachers! Are your preschoolers ready for kindergarten?

### LT1772 Preparing Preschoolers for Kindergarten

Anne Manna and Jody Carregal

Sunday, 3/28 from 1:00-3:00, Stoneham

\$25.00 2PDPs PreK

Look at a typical day in kindergarten with two experienced kindergarten teachers. Gain some insights to help you understand how to ease the transition to "big school". Learn how technology is being used in a kindergarten setting by viewing a presentation using the SmartBoard®. Review the skills that children are expected to know upon entering kindergarten.



Good Sports at Carol Hartery's recent "Spring" workshop..

Register for Workshops and  
Graduate Courses on-line  
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## LTKM001 Bringing Children of All Ages Together

Leader: Lisa Cheney

Thursdays, 3/4-5/6 from 7:00-7:45

\$199.00 per family

Bringing children of all ages together provides a dynamic and integrated learning experience for everyone. So we took favorite Kindermusik songs and activities like "Shake, Shake the Apple Tree" and "hammocking" and rolled them into a fun, family class where each child is welcomed and valued and family "together time" is celebrated and cherished.

What you'll experience in class:

Singing. From the first "Hello" song to the last "Goodbye," exploring a variety of musical styles and genres leads children to find their own voice. Plus singing helps with memory and recall, physical development, creativity, and socialization. Assorted Movement. Whether moving as a family, as a class, or as individuals, Family Time movement activities enhance coordination skills, create opportunities for imitation and exploration, and give everyone something to smile, rock, bounce, or dance about. Story Time. Reading aloud to children stimulates their curiosity, expands their knowledge, and broadens their understanding of language. Family Jam Children (and adults) will love selecting a unique instrument and joining in one big class jam session each week. Musical Concepts. Fun engaging activities bring out the musicality in everyone, from the youngest member of the family to the oldest. Together you'll learn more about music as you learn more about each other. Expert advice. A Kindermusik educator explains how our musically based activities enhance your child's complete development. Learning continues at home. With the home materials, the learning continues at home with your child's best teacher—you!

(Set of At Home Materials including a Family Activity Guide, Hand and Finger Puppet, Two CDs of music from class, two instruments, two literature books.)

## All New Art Classes

### Saturday Art Classes

#### LTAFK001 Art with Amanda

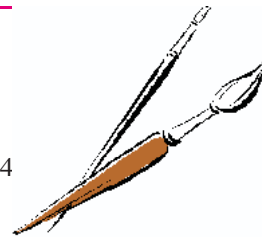
Saturdays, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24

Youth ages 10-14

\$120.00 (materials included)

Maximum 10 students per class.

A is for Art, A is for Amanda. Join Amanda Bucco for a fun-filled Saturday morning artistic experience for kids! Explore charcoal drawing, watercolor, sketching, and collage to give kids a chance to explore what they love best!



## All New Weaving Classes

### LEARNING THAT IS NOT PART OF MCAS!

#### LTW003 Learn to Weave for Wee Ones

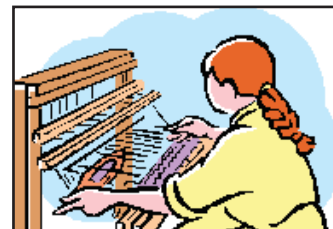
Barbara Provest

Sunday 2/28 from 12:15-1:45

\$15.00 Youth ages 5-8

Make your own cardboard loom

that you will get to keep! With your newly-created loom, make a small bag using the techniques that professional weavers use. You may even decide to add beads, fringes or various knots with your woven bag.



#### LTW006 Popsicle Stick Weaving Class: Woven Headbands

Sunday, 2/28 from 3:30-5:00

\$15.00 Youth or Adult ages 10 and up

Weave your own headbands on your popsicle stick loom that is yours to keep! Make a headband for your friend, your mom or maybe a teddy bear! Please wear a belt you can tie on to.

## Regular Store Hours

**The Learning Tree Store STONEHAM**  
(781) 438.8101

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday** 10:00am-6:00pm

**Thursday** 10:00am-8:00pm

**Saturday** 10:00am-5:00pm -- **Sunday** 12:00pm-5:00pm  
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The store is on the right in Montvale Place next to Dunkin Donuts

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**Saturday** 10:00am-5:00pm

**Sunday** 12:00-5:00pm

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## Save Green on the 20th



## February and March 20

Bring your own bag to  
The Learning Tree Store and  
receive 20% off your purchase.

This sale applies to all merchandise in stock. Sale does not apply to gallery art, internet orders, special orders, previous purchases, gift certificates, and Girl Scout merchandise. No further discounts, promotions or coupons apply.