



## For Immediate Release

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### **Local Early Education Center has been a Member of NAEYC since 1997! Little Sprouts in Methuen has recently been re-accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children**

Methuen, Ma. May 6, 2008- Little Sprouts in Methuen was recently awarded re-accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), of which it has been a member since 1997. The accreditation is a process that takes a one year self-study. During this time classroom observations are being completed, parent and teacher surveys are being filled out along with creating center and classroom based portfolios. The Little Sprouts Centers in Haverhill and Andover are also NAEYC accredited. Being an NAEYC member allows Little Sprouts a wide array of resources through NAEYC. All members of NAEYC are offered benefits that improve teaching children, raise the quality of early childhood education programs, help build the early childhood profession and be able to promote public support and policies for young children. Only 5% of early childhood centers in the US are accredited by NAEYC. "The NAEYC accreditation mark represents that a center is the highest quality care that one can receive." noted Jessica Todisco, Community Outreach Specialist for Little Sprouts. "It is a great accomplishment for Little Sprouts to receive this re-accreditation for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive time."

**About Little Sprouts Inc.:** Little Sprouts has been a leader in providing award winning early education since 1982. A group of humanitarians that believe in the power of literacy to change the world; social, emotional, intellectual and physical literacy for children, youth, teachers and families. Little Sprouts believes in the commonality in humanity. We embrace that unity is best achieved by celebrating diversity. Little Sprouts has 7 schools in Massachusetts supporting families that reflect 32 cultures speaking 23 languages from all walks of social, economic, religious & ethnic backgrounds. To learn more about how you can join us in making the world a better place, visit us at [www.littlesprouts.com](http://www.littlesprouts.com)

**About NAEYC:** NAEYC Accreditation represents the mark of quality in early childhood education. To achieve NAEYC Accreditation, early childhood education programs volunteer to be measured against the most robust and rigorous national standards on education, health and safety. Today, more than 11,000 NAEYC accredited early childhood education programs serve families around the nation. NAEYC accredited programs invest in early childhood education because they believe in the benefits to children and families. Early childhood experiences—from birth to age 8—have an enormous impact on children's lifelong learning and positively contribute to their health and development. Early childhood education programs with the mark of quality benefit children with greater readiness for and success in school.