



**For Immediate Release**

**Little Sprouts Announces New Pilot Curriculum**

Little Sprouts Andover and Westford Centers named as pilot sites for new Between the Lions curriculum

Merrimack Valley, MA, Friday, August 23, 2007 – Little Sprouts Enrichment Center in Westford and Andover are pleased to announce the inclusion of a new curriculum, *Between the Lions*. *Between the Lions*, developed by PBS has selected Little Sprouts to be a pilot center for their literacy curriculum. *Between the Lions* curriculum is designed to foster literacy skills in a joyous way for children. Beginning in the fall, the curriculum will provide each center with poem charts, manipulatives and over 60 books to use in conjunction with the curriculum. The television show *Between the Lions* is an award-winning PBS television series produced by WGBH.

Little Sprouts Westford Center is hosting a Back to School Open House for the community on Thursday, September 6, 2007 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, highlighting this new initiative. Community members are welcome to attend and have an opportunity to see the plans for this innovative program as meet the directors and staff. The center is conveniently located behind, one of their partners Nashoba Valley Technical High School, on 14 South Chelmsford Road, right off of Rt. 110. The center is open from 6:00am to 6:00 pm year round, has flexible schedules available, and serves children ranging from 1 month to 7 years old to help meet the needs of families.

**About Little Sprouts Child Enrichment Centers**

Little Sprouts Child Enrichment Centers have been leaders in High Quality Childhood Education since 1982, focusing on involving families in each child's development and education. From the beginning, Little Sprouts has been committed to creating a holistic experience for children, combining a stimulating atmosphere and cutting-edge curriculum with an outstanding range of services. Little Sprouts has received national recognition from the U.S. Department of Education for the quality of their programs, having been named a Preschool Center of Educational Excellence and awarded the prestigious Early Reading First Grant two times, once in September 2003 for \$1.5M and again in September 2006 for \$3.49M. Little Sprouts centers include seven sites in Andover, Methuen, Lowell, Lawrence, Haverhill, Westford and Roxbury. Founder Susan Leger-Ferraro has been recognized as Intriguing Individual of the North Shore by *North Shore Living* in 2005 and received the YWCA's Tribute to Women in 2004. For more information visit [www.littlesprouts.com](http://www.littlesprouts.com)

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