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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **New Parent & Child Series Introduces Toddlers to Classroom**

**Johnstown, PA (July 21, 2010)** – Adjusting to being in a classroom can be difficult for young children—and parents. **Starting this September, The Learning Lamp will offer a new series of Parent & Child Classes for children ages 2, 3, and 4, at two locations, the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center (GJCTC) in Richland Township and the Young Peoples Community Center (YPCC) in Ebensburg.** A different themed class will be taught each month from September through December at a cost of \$45 per class.

“For children just entering preschool or kindergarten who have not been exposed to a school or child care setting, these classes present a perfect opportunity to introduce children to the classroom while still having a parent or caregiver with them,” explained Heidi Rizkalla, director of education at The Learning Lamp.

Parent and Child classes are designed to be fun and educational, while also making the child more comfortable in the classroom. Classes are taught by a certified teacher and children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver to participate.

- The first class is *Leaves, Trees and Pumpkin Seeds* and will be a celebration of autumn! Students will plant a fall garden, create pumpkin seed mosaics and make a scarecrow. The class at YPCC will be Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on September 7, 14, 21 and 28. The Richland location will be Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on September 10, 17, 24 and October 1.
- Did you know that October is International Dinosaur Month? Celebrate with The Learning Lamp’s second class, *Dynamic Dinos*. Students will go on a dinosaur egg hunt, create a shape-o-saurus, make salt dough fossils and craft their very own handprint dinosaurs. The class at YPCC will run Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m., October 5, 12, 19, and 26. The Richland site will be Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., October 8, 15, 22 and 29.
- The third class is *Birds of a Feather*. Students will flock together to make their own bird nests, test their skills in a penguin waddle race and make paper roll parrots. Children can take part at YPCC Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on November 2, 9, 16 and 23. The Richland class will be held Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on November 5, 12, 19 and 26.

The official registration and financial information of The Learning Lamp may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free with in Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement. The Learning Lamp is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, donations to which are tax deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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- *Reindeer Games* is the fourth class. Students will “Pin The Nose on Rudolph,” build clothespin reindeer, and play reindeer puppet games. The YPCC class is scheduled for Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on December 7, 14, 21 and 28 for \$45. The Richland class is Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on December 3, 10, and 17, for \$33. (Please note this Richland class is only 3 sessions.)

Space is limited, so parents are encouraged to register early. Registrations can be made by calling (814) 262-0732 or 1-866-785-LAMP (5267). The YPCC in Ebensburg is located on Prave Street and the Richland location meets in Room F204 of the GJCTC.

*The Learning Lamp is a nonprofit agency focused on providing children with the support they need to succeed in school. The Learning Lamp offers preschool, child care, before and after school programs, tutoring, SAT prep and summer camps for children in grades PreK to 12.*

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