



**The
Hartsbrook
School** | A Waldorf
School in the
Pioneer Valley
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*At Cricket on the Hearth
we create a place for children
to play and form friendships
in an environment that also fosters
support and inspiration for parents.*



Cricket ON THE HEARTH

**PARENT CHILD CLASSES
AND PARENT BABY CLASSES**



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New and experienced parents and caregivers come together one morning a week to create a supportive community around the important and valuable work of raising children. Together we will learn how to observe and meet a child's needs at different developmental stages and create a home life that supports healthy and joyful growth.

Young children imitate and absorb their surroundings deeply. Their environment should therefore be beautiful, healthy and natural; and the classroom setting both nurturing and harmonious. Our parent child classes offer a nutritious meal made with organic whole foods, creative play time, circle time, a puppet show and a goodbye song. Outdoor playtime is also a priority; we go out in all kinds of weather, to romp and explore in a large and inviting play area.

CRICKET ON THE HEARTH serves as an introduction to the Waldorf Early Childhood Program. An experienced Early Childhood teacher facilitates each class, giving parents a chance to make new friends and practice simple domestic arts.

LOCATION/DETAILS



All sessions take place at the Hartsbrook School's Ben Smith campus, 94 Bay Road, Hadley, Massachusetts.

Please call us at **413-584-3198** or email

info@hartsbrook.org for more information.



"To have a cricket on the hearth is the luckiest thing in the world"

– Charles Dickens



PROGRAMS



PARENT BABY CLASSES... are for expectant moms and dads, babies from 6 weeks, as well as pre-crawling and crawling babies, and young walkers. In these classes learning

comes through observation and conversation.

PARENT CHILD CLASSES... are for young children from 3 months through the fourth birthday. These classes emphasize learning through experimentation and imitation.



In both CRICKET ON THE HEARTH programs parent /teacher conversations include:

- Practical matters such as: sleeping, eating, care-giving: bathing, dressing and diapering, establishing rhythm and routines, as well as, care and protection of the senses
- How to support your child's natural growth at each developmental phase
- Ways to foster joy and self-confidence in your child
- The benefits of allowing freedom of movement
- The emerging social life of the young child