



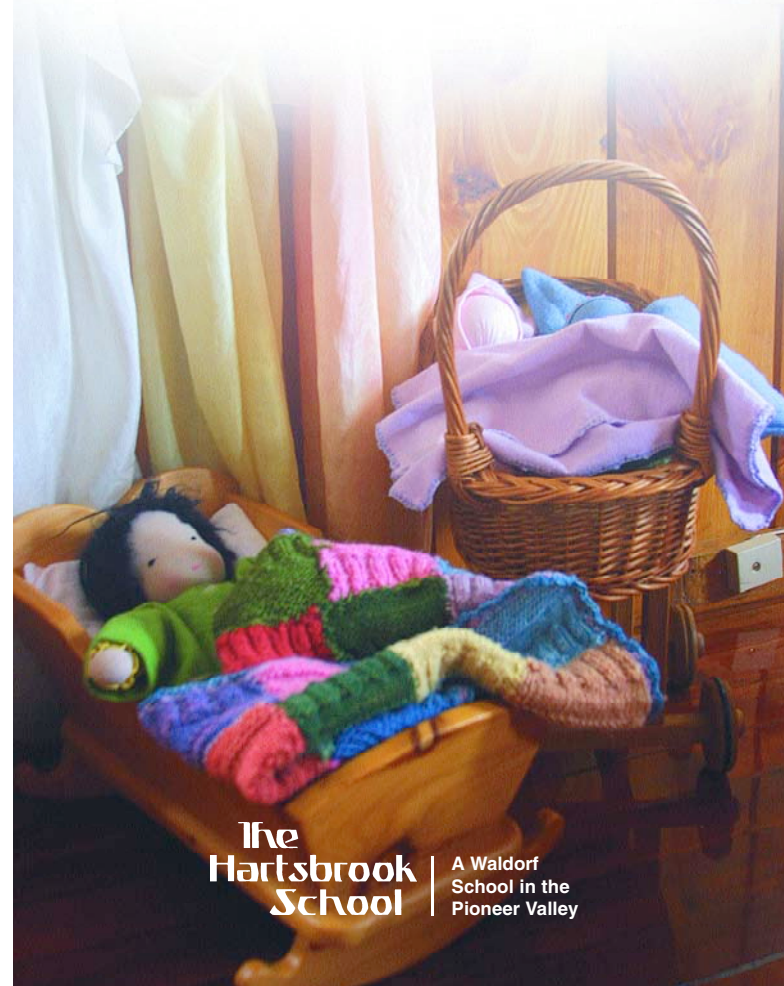
**The
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School in the
Pioneer Valley

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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



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PARENT-INFANT PROGRAM

Please join us for our fun and informative Parent-Infant class. Together we will learn how to observe and meet a baby's needs at different developmental stages, and how to create a home life that supports healthy and joyful growth. New and experienced parents will come together to create a supportive community around the important and valuable work of raising children.



Groups meet weekly for parents and their babies aged six weeks to ten months.



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



PARENT-CHILD PROGRAM



For young children, from three months through fourth birthday, we offer CRICKET ON THE HEARTH. Parents or caretakers accompany their

children once a week for a morning that gives both parent and child a taste of the Waldorf early childhood program. This includes nutritious snack preparation and creative play, tidy time and outdoor play, snack, circle time, puppet show and a goodbye song. A Cricket teacher facilitates the morning, giving parents a chance to make friends, practice simple domestic arts, and observe a trained early childhood teacher in action.

Young children imitate and absorb their surroundings deeply. Their play environment should therefore be beautiful, healthy and natural. Indoors; toys and furniture are made of wood, dolls and animals of natural fibers, and dress-up clothes of silk and cotton. Snacks are made from organic fruits, vegetables and whole grains. The classroom setting is both nurturing and harmonious. 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.

