

# **Otter Creek Child Center** **November Newsletter**

Kerasha There's me playing in the mud.

## **November Events**

**November 22, 23, 24.** The center will be closed for Thanksgiving observance.

**November 16<sup>th</sup>** **EXHIBIT OPENING: Images of Children's Investigations.** Come to Mary Johnson Children's Center from 5:30 to 8:00 and see examples of children's work from around the state of Vermont. Otter Creek is participating, so let's show our support for the hard work of your children and their teachers. The exhibit will be open until Thanksgiving.

**Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>** until Christmas. Ginger bread house contest Vermont Folklife Center. Take your family to see the Otter Creek entries, as well as all the other wonderful creations.

**Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>** The Otter Creek annual appeal begins. We will be readying a mass mailing to be sent out on that day. If you know of anyone you would like to receive a mailing in order to donate to our worthy cause, please let us know so we can include them in our mailing list, the sooner the better.

**Snow Days:** When the decision is made to close the center due to bad weather, it will be announced on Channels 3, 5, and 22 as well as local radio.

**Peanut Allergy:** We have been informed that our initial precaution of no peanuts in the Otter room must now be extended to the rest of the center in order to ensure the health and safety of the child among us with a peanut allergy. Please do not send your child with foods containing peanuts or peanut oil. Thanks for your help in keeping Otter Creek a safe place to be.

**Outdoor Environment:** Last month a group met to discuss plans for our grounds and how they can be developed into an outdoor learning environment. We were few in number, but generated a lot of ideas, the list of which were posted in each room. We will be meeting again after the holidays and are very excited about how wonderful a place we can create for our children to use as a tool for learning.

*Teaching children about the natural world should be treated as one of the most important events in our lives. - Thomas Berry*

