

LEGATE'S BRAVE BATTLE AGAINST BREAST CANCER

GO TO SCHOOL!

icole Richie's gone back to school — and she's taking her daughter with her. Every Monday morning, Nicole, 26, and Harlow, 7 months, attend Babies First Class, an elite mommy-and-me group in Sherman Oaks, Calif., run by child-care expert Jackie Rosenberg. "Being a new mom is a beautiful time, but it can also be very challenging," Rosenberg tells Life & Style. "I help mothers feel supported and give them the tools they need to raise their child."

So far Nicole's earning high marks. "She's totally down-to-earth," one of the actress' classmates tells Life & Style. "We don't just learn how to take better care of our children. We share everything from problems with our kids to our mates to life in general. It's a support group, and Nicole joins right in, sharing and giving encouragement."

Rosenberg's class is so popular, Hollywood moms sign up as soon as they know they're pregnant. "The classes teach everything from how to feed your baby to childproofing your house," an insider says. "And Jackie doesn't allow shoes in the classroom, so on any given day, outside the door you see Fendi platform sandals and Prada flip-flops! And you can't help but notice the Gucci baby carriers — which cost \$850 — strapped to the moms."

Nicole isn't a diva, though. "She doesn't try to stand out," says the classmate. "When she's here,

it's all about her daughter."



A SNEAK PEEK AT NICOLE'S NEW ALBUM

When Nicole's not in the classroom, you can find her in the recording studio. "Me and You," a tune she wrote for beau Joel Madden, is among the seven songs she's completed for her upcoming album.

Another is a remake of Prince's "Do Me, Baby." Says an insider, "Right now, Nicole's working on a lullaby for Harlow."

