



Building Blocks Learning Center 2017

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November - the month of swirling leaves, early sunsets, turkey feathers, the smell of pumpkin pie and giving thanks for our many blessings! Just like the little squirrels in our playground we will be very busy this month!

Mother Nature provides an abundance to explore in our classes this month of November. We'll experiment with the sights, sounds, tastes and smells of fall. We'll discuss healthy food and how the right ones help us grow big and strong. We'll also learn about the Native Americans who taught the Pilgrims how to plant and grow things here in the New World. All of our discussions and projects lead up to the ultimate feast - Thanksgiving. We'll have our annual mini feast - BBLC style!

Each of our children will cordially invite "someone special" to join their class for our Thanksgiving celebration. This could be grandparents, a relative, special neighbor or parent to take part in our program of songs, holiday craft and delicious feast. The children always eagerly look forward to hosting this event. Step 2 and Pre K classes will have their feasts on Monday, November 20th. Step 2 will celebrate at 10:30 and Pre K will have their feast at 1:45. The Step 1 class will host their feast on Tuesday, November 21st at 10:30. Look for invitations to come home shortly.



Spooktacular Pumpkins

With the arrival of each pumpkin masterpiece our annual pumpkin patch took on a holiday glow! What a perfect backdrop for our Halloween festivities! How proud each child was, when he or she arrived with their creations! Pumpkins may go home with you after the Trunk or Treat events!



Special Note: Step 2 Trunk "r Treat celebration will be held inside "the big room" due to high wind predictions. Pre K and Step 1 events will definitely be outside this year as funerals are scheduled at St. Peter's on BOTH days! The forecast calls for chilly weather so please send a coat with your child, so we can bundle up the Trick or Treaters!



Scholastic Books!

Thank you for your continued participation in our Scholastic Book Clubs. Several flyers will come home this month and next in anticipation of the holidays. Many include great selections for holiday gift giving. Should you want to order any items and stash them for under the tree, send a note with your order and we will gladly get them to you without your child's knowledge!



Registration

November is the month that we begin to assess our needs for next year. Inquiries about our school begin to come in and we set up tours between now and the end of the year for families interested in attending our school. Our BBLC families have always been our best sources of advertising, so, if you know of a family that is looking for a preschool for next fall, please invite them to give us a call and schedule a visit. Our own families will be able to register current students, as well as siblings, for next year, in December. Open seats will be available to the public in January. A survey will be sent home this month asking about your needs regarding classes. There will also be a section that invites you to comment and/or make suggestions. We would appreciate your input, as it will provide us with information that we can use to evaluate your needs for the future.



DONATION OF THE MONTH

We were positively overwhelmed by your generosity to us last month. We are blessed with such thoughtful families. In keeping with this time of the year we offer humble thanks and ask for no donations this month.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Fuchs - Step 1, Chase Rowand - Step 2 and Jack Walters - Pre K, who were our lucky winners for October!



Election Day

This is a reminder that Building Blocks Learning Center **will be open on November 7th**, Election Day. Step 1 and Enrichment Pre K students should attend as usual.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Information will be coming home to Pre K parents for the scheduling of fall conferences. Conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 21st from 12:30 to 2:30 and Wednesday, November 22nd from 9:00 to 11:30. To accommodate this, there will be no classes for our Step 2 and Pre K children those days. Kindly return your conference form by Monday, November 13th. No official conferences are set up for Step 1 and Step 2 children, unless specifically requested by the teacher or parent. This can be arranged at any time, should the need arises.



For information or updates about your child's class, please see the reverse side of your monthly calendar. Teachers have posted specifics about November fun there for your reference.



Tips from the Top Lunch Bunch sessions are going well! We do ask that you include 2 napkins in your child's lunch. We teach them to use one as a placemat and one to wipe sticky hands and mouths.

Part of the responsibility of our preschoolers is to take folders out of their backpacks and to put any worksheets or small projects they complete into their folders each day. This proves difficult if their folders contain many papers and projects from previous days. Please empty your child's folder after each session to make it easier for them to do their little job.



Thanksgiving Holidays

BBLC will be closed from Wednesday, November 22 -27. Classes will resume on Tuesday, November 28. Enjoy great holiday family together time! The staff of BBLC wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving! We are ever grateful for our wonderful families who share their most precious blessings, their children, with us!



November Reminders:

- Nov. 2-3 Scholastic Book orders due
- Nov. 13-14 Thanksgiving Feast invitation responses due
- Nov. 20 Thanksgiving Feasts – Step 2 10:30 a.m., Pre K 1:45 p.m.

Nov. 21 Thanksgiving Feast – Step 1 10:30 a.m.

Nov 21 – 22 Pre K conferences (Tuesday p.m., Wednesday a.m.)

Nov. 22- 27 Thanksgiving Holiday



**May your stuffing be tasty
May your turkey be plump
May your potatoes and gravy
Have nary a lump.
May your yams be delicious
May your pies take the prize
And may your Thanksgiving dinner
Stay off your thighs!**