

Building Blocks Learning Center

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The ever unpredictable month of March dishes up its own "mix of madness" here at Building Blocks. As March roars in "like a lion", we'll celebrate the birthday of that eternally popular author, Dr. Seuss. On March 1st & 2nd we'll observe "Read Across America" day and enjoy Seuss favorites like, The Cat in the Hat, One Fish, Two Fish, Green Eggs & Ham, and Wacky Wednesday! There's nothing like a silly Dr. Seuss book to chase the winter blues away!

He's baaack!!! That wee little leprechaun makes his yearly visit, which usually means "mischief"! Beware of his tricks! We're sure you'll be entertained by tales of his antics in our classroom in the week leading up to **St. Patrick's Day**. As usual, the children are determined to trap him and make off with his gold!

Taking that groundhog's prediction to heart, we'll be searching for signs of spring while investigating our **Weather** theme this month. We'll try keeping track of "lion and lamb" days right up until that long awaited - first day of spring! With any leprechaun luck we will soon be enjoying playground time!

Registration for 2018-19 School Year

If you haven't done so yet, please complete your registration for the 2018-19 school year. We need to assess our class sizes and availability of seats for next year. Any siblings ready to follow in the footsteps of older brothers and sisters? Our Step 1 class has seats available for children turning 3 during the next school year! Give us a call!

🌋 March Madness Lunch Bunch

Check out the flyer for our special lunches for Step 2 and Pre K lunchers beginning on March 5th. Lunch begins at 11:30 to be followed by a special themed event - Dance Fever. It would help us out if you would remember to include 2 **napkins** in your child's lunchbox. We're teaching them to set up their lunches using one napkin as a placemat and one to wipe hands and mouths. **Regular lunch** continues on **Fridays for Pre K** during a March Madness Lunch Weeks. Look for our flyer that gives dates and details about our themes.

Ochick Hatching Project

Each year our school participates in a Chick Hatching Project. This event is in conjunction with our theme of Baby Animals in April. Since our Easter break begins at the end of March, our project this year will begin on April 3^{rd.} On this day one dozen fertilized eggs will arrive from the farm. For the next 10 days each class will take turns caring for them and experience the excitement of watching new life begin.

Family Chicks

To commemorate our "chick experience", each <u>family</u> will receive a large paper chick to decorate this month. Let your chick reflect something fun about your child or family. We've been visited by an "eggcellant" variety of creative ideas in the past - everything from Spiderman Chick and Frozen Chick, to chicks dressed as cowboys and hula girls! Start "scrambling" for your ideas and return your chicks to welcome our eggs **by March the 20**th, the first day of spring!



Operation Helping Hands

Each year Building Blocks Learning Center participates in one community service project. It's the perfect opportunity to teach our little ones how important it is to lend a helping hand to others. For this year's project we will work with the **United Way of Bucks County and Operation Helping Hands**. We ask each child to help you select one or more non-perishable food items from the grocery store to bring in to school. Within reason, let him/her choose something that they think a child would like to eat. This could be a favorite cereal, Mac 'n Cheese, fruit snacks, peanut butter & jelly, pasta, etc. We want the children to feel a part of the process. Items may be sent in from **March 1st through March 14th**. The donations will be picked up on the 15th and delivered **to A Woman's Place** to help the women and children who find temporary sanctuary there. Thanks in advance for your generosity. A flyer will come home in folders to remind you of dates for this project. This will also take the place of our Donation of the Month for March.

Dad 'n Me Pre K Evening Program

Our magical event has been rescheduled for **Monday**, **April 9th**. Just wanted to give Pre K dads time to pencil this in on their calendars. (changed from 4/16)

🥵 Summer Camp Weeks

The answer is "Yes!" We are planning to offer two weeks of camp activities for our Step 2 and Pre K children again this year. Camps will run from May30 -June 1 and June 5-7 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A flyer with themes and more information will come home in April.

Step 1 Evening Program

Step 1 Families, mark your calendars for **March 19**! It's our Annual **Step 1 Pajama Party Evening**. Moms, Dads and Step 1 children are invited to spend an evening at school in their PJ's doing all the fun things that make a pajama party a "rockin' good time"! A special invitation with directives will be coming home soon.

March Dates to Remember:

* Complete 2018–19 Registration

- 1 -14 Operation Helping Hands Food Drive
- 5 March Madness Lunch Bunch "Dance Fever" 11:30 (Step 2& Pre K)
- 5, 6 Scholastic Book orders due
- 12 Lucky Bingo Lunch Bunch 11:30 (Step 2 & Pre K)
- 19 Step 1 Evening Pajama Party 7:00
- 20 Family Chick due back to school
- 26 Beach Party Lunch Bunch 11:30 (Step @ & Pre K)
- 28 Pre K Parent Teacher Conferences (no Pre K class)

29-Apr. 2 Easter/Spring Recess - no classes

Apr.3 Classes Resume