



# September 2018

## *Building Blocks Learning Center*

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Welcome new families and old friends to the Building Blocks Learning Center 2018-19 school year. The purpose of this monthly newsletter is to give an overview of the month and highlight important information you will need to know to navigate the school days ahead. In addition, classroom teachers will send home a calendar of specifics to your child's class each month.

The most important part of the preschool experience is the development of your child's socialization skills---learning to make friends. Children bring to this experience what they know, and that is, "their families". This month we'll devote much time to sharing what is so special about each child and each of their families. Next to family, they are near and dear to our hearts - our pets! The children will share all the wonders of their own pets, be they real or imaginary, during Pet Week. So our journey begins! As always, we are grateful for the opportunity you have given us to join in the experience of watching your children blossom and grow!



## **Tips from the Teachers**

Here are a few helpful hints that will make for an easier transition to school for your child:

- ★ Show your enthusiasm about the school experience. If you are excited and confident, your child will be, too.
- ★ Make your goodbyes simple, **quick** and **cheerful**. Hard for you when there are tears, but easier for your child in the long run.
- ★ Please remember to keep your cell phone on and with you while your child is at school. This is the fastest and easiest way for us to reach you!

★ Please empty your child's backpack and check folders after each class session. Take time to discuss the projects created by your child.

★ Keep school clothes as simple and manageable as possible. Easy, simple clothing makes potty visits much easier and encourages independence. Remember sneakers or rubber soled shoes are the safest choice for school activities. Always be sure to keep a complete, extra set of clothes in a bag in your child's backpack.

★ Be patient in these first few weeks of school, as we all are learning new school routines. Most importantly, revel in the carefree innocence of your preschooler!



## **NO PHONE ZONE**

While staying connected to your cell phone is important, we would like to remind you that our car loop and pick-up area are “**No Phone Zones**”. It is extremely important that you focus all your attention on the moving cars and pedestrians in the car line. Upon pick-up, greet your child with undivided attention, as you cross the busy parking lot, until they are safely buckled in their car seats. **On many days, other classes are arriving for lunch as morning classes are dismissing. The parking lot can be a very busy place and safety is our utmost concern!** Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.



## **GIANT A+ Reward**

A *great big hug* for all of our families and friends of BBLC Hilltown who registered their Giant bonus card for our school last year. Our rewards points earned us enough to purchase a brand new piece of playground equipment for our children to enjoy! See the flyer in your child's folder to see how you can help us again this year.



## **Lunch Bunch**

Lunch Bunch is a fun component of the older preschool student's experience. Please look for the Lunch Bunch Flyer in your child's folder for specifics about this optional offering for Step 2 and Pre K students. Lunch Bunch fee: \$4

**First Lunch Bunch for Pre K - September 14,  
First Lunch Bunch for Step 2 - September 17**



## DONATION OF THE MONTH

Our generous families are always asking what we need to help us out! So again this year, when there is a need, we are going to suggest a specific, monthly donation item from each class. These items help to keep our students healthy, safe and comfortable at school. Our needs will be expressed in each month's newsletter. Of course, your *donations are always voluntary*, but ever appreciated!

**Step 1 -hand wipes**

**Step 2 -napkins**

**Pre K-tissues**



## VOLUNTEERS

If you have volunteered to provide a special holiday treat or help with a special event, you will be reminded via a backpack note near to the time of the event. If you have a special talent or occupation, especially if it coordinates with our themes, and wish to share with your child's class, please contact your child's teacher. **We would love to have you!**



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday, 9/4      Step 1 Parent/Child Orientation 9:00 - 10:30
- Wednesday 9/5      Step 2 Parent/Child Orientation 9:00 - 10:30  
Pre K Parent/Child Orientation 12:30 - 2:00
- Thursday 9/6      Step 1 (child only) session 9:00 -10:30
- Friday 9/7      Step 2 (child only) session 9:00 - 11:45 (regular day)  
Pre K (child only) session 12:30 - 3:15 (regular day)
- September 11      Register online for Giant A+ School Rewards (flyer to come)  
New families who have not registered
- September 11/12      Scholastic Book Orders due
- September 24      Step 2 Class Trip to Tabora Farm 9:30