

April 2019 News

Building Blocks Learning Center

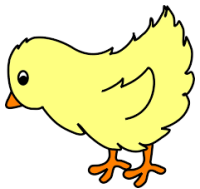
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Spring... A Time For New Beginnings

Every year, it is our BBLC tradition to bring a chick hatching project to school. This year, the eggs will arrive the week of April 1. They will stay in an incubator under our care, and are expected to hatch the next week. We will then care for the baby chicks for a few days here at school. ****We are still in need of someone to take the feathery friends. Please let me know if your family, or someone you know, is interested. Or, can you direct me to a social media outlet to advertise? The chicks can't come live with me...I have a big dog :)****



In anticipation of this project, your child has brought home a paper chick to decorate with your family. Instructions for this chick decorating project were included. Paper chicks should be returned to school by April 1/2 so that we can display them before our brood hatches.

From the first day the eggs arrive, there is a buzz of excitement and enthusiasm among our students and even from the wider community that shares our building. Caring for the eggs throughout the embryonic development process provides excellent learning experiences and also an upfront and personal opportunity with nature. We will not only learn to care for the eggs and chicks, but also gain vocabulary like incubator, hatch, and brood. We read books about chicks and chickens, and visit the eggs/chicks often.

Seeing first hand new life and all the awe and wonder it brings proves this project to be another excellent extension of our curriculum. Look for the birth announcement at the drop-off door when the eggs hatch, and you are welcome to stop in the office to see and enjoy the new, fluffy baby chicks with your child!

Thank You

Thank you to the Buddies who joined us for "Breakfast with Buddies". The children were so proud to show their classrooms and to share a sweet treat at school with loved ones. We hope the Buddies enjoyed the morning as well!

Also, thank you for your kind donations to our Safe Stuff Collection. Many will benefit from your generosity! Thanks for the wonderful response!

Tuition

For most families, this is the last month for tuition, as May tuition was paid at registration. I will return your tuition envelope to you by the end of the year. Please save it for you 2019 tax records.

Summer Fun...Let's Pretend!

BBLC's Summer Fun program has begun registering. A bright pink brochure arrived earlier this week in your child's folder. On June 4-5-6/11-12-13, the children will enjoy a super-fun "Let's Pretend" theme. Campers will be involved in crafts, games, and activities revolving around this theme. We'll lasso bulls, generate alien jibberish sounds, and "Let it Go". I've got about 10 seats left! If interested, please send in forms quickly. Children need to be completely and independently potty trained to attend.



A note will be sent home closer to the Summer Fun weeks, detailing the assigned groups. Children are always grouped with others they know from their regular classes. This program is lots of age-appropriate fun and provides a nice activity for our preschool and kindergarten children while their grade school siblings finish out their school year.

Donation Item of the Month--3-ounce plastic cups



Thanks so much for your consideration in donating a pack. We use fresh cups each day for snack. We certainly go through many of these plastic (not paper, as paper are not durable enough for little grips), bathroom-sized (to fit in little hands) cups each week. Children who donate will be entered in the Free Lunch Bunch/Book Drawing. (These 3 oz. cups usually come in clear or white plastic.)

Memory Books

We have noticed that over the recent years, many families are starting "memory books" for teachers to sign at the end of each school year. We are more than happy to do this; please start sending in those books NOW. As you can imagine, our school days are very busy. It may take teachers a few days to return your books with handwritten messages; we want to avoid the last-minute rush! Books, if desired, should be sent in by early May.



Spring Conferences...

Most will be held on Thursday, April 18--we look forward to connecting with our parents! (There is no school this day to allow for this very important time.) Sign Up Genius links were sent via email a few weeks ago. **This is the final reminder to sign up--we'd love to chat with you!**

Parents are asked to enter the building on 4/18 through the "left-most front door" on Mechanics Street--these are the glass doors on the left front side of the building, to the left of the "Little Library", closest to the driveway exit. I will clearly label this door. Please be extra-prompt, as our teachers are on a tight schedule. We expect well over 125 families visiting us on Conference Day, and want to avoid any foot traffic through the church main office. Do not use the main doors.

Vision Screening

Our annual Vision Screening is scheduled for April 8-9-10. An information form/permission slip has already gone home. This is a service provided by the Bucks County Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Using this service for your child is voluntary, but highly recommended. Every year, irregularities are detected when none were suspected. A donation to the BCAB is very appreciated, and should be attached to the consent form. Again, this service is purely optional. Permission slips are due **by April 4th**.



Mother's Day is coming...

May brings a wonderful holiday...Mother's Day! Preschoolers will be super-busy preparing to make the day special for Mom! Our preschool Mother's Day Celebrations are for mothers only. Due to space constraints, these days are not designed as whole-family events; siblings and other guests cannot be accommodated. If mom is unavailable to attend, another adult, of course, is welcome to attend in her place. Please note date for each class below.



Important Dates

- April 1/2--Decorated Paper Chicks are due; Eggs arrive
- April 3-10-17-24 -- Fun Frolics Zumba; pre-reg required; No Walk-In LB
- April 5--PreKs to Solly's Farm
- April 8-9-10--Vision Screening
- April 12--Scholastic Due
- April 15--Mindful Monday; pre-reg required
- April 18--Parent Conferences; School Closed
- April 19 & 22--School Closed--Spring Break
- April 26--K Family Celebration 1:45--wait to enter at Church St. door
- April 26--Dr. Rob the Dentist visits (rescheduled due to snow)
- May 7--Mother's Day Celebration for Step One, 11:00 (moms only)
- May 8--Mother's Day Celebration for Mrs. Wegeler's St. 2 and Mrs. Dougherty's PreK, 11:00 (moms only)
- May 9--Mother's Day Celebration for 5-Day PreK classes, 11:00 (moms only)
- May 10--Mother's Day Celebration for Mrs. Szabo's Step 2, 11:00 (moms only)



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