

Building Blocks Learning Center

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"It's the most wonderful time of the year. . . "There's a nip in the air, the carols are playing, and the sugar plums are dancing in our heads! This month we use our senses to explore the sights, sounds, smells, tastes and feel of the holidays!

Our senses play an important role in the way we learn new things; in fact, sensory integration is one of the building blocks of learning. It is our ability to take in, sort out, and connect information from the world around us. **Play** is how a child obtains sensory input and it is an essential component for motor and emotional development. So this month we'll sing, dance and play with the sounds, sights, tastes and textures of the season. Let the reindeer games begin!

Many thanks to our Building Blocks Families for sharing in our annual Thanksgiving Feast. This year was our largest participation ever! Our little ones worked feverishly during the month of November to prepare for their guests. Staff members felt "very thankful" to be part of such a lovely group of families and to meet those people who are most special to your children. We are most grateful to all of our moms for the delicious food they donated for the feasting!

Registration Registration for next school year, for children

presently enrolled, their siblings, and any BBLC alumni families will begin on December 1

For all currently-enrolled families, just the \$75 non-refundable registration fee is required with the completed registration form. The May 2018 tuition deposit can be delayed up until March 1st, if needed. We realize that December is an expensive month, and an extra tuition deposit is an added hardship. With the registration fee, a seat will be held for your child until March 1 and confirmation will be sent when full payment is received.

If you have any concerns or questions, please arrange to speak to your child's teacher for direction toward age and developmentally appropriate placement of your child. Registration for other interested families will be accepted beginning in January. If you know of anyone who might be interested in our school, encourage them to call and arrange for a tour!

Winter Reminder! Now that winter weather is here please remember to <u>send your child to school with</u> warm coats, hats and gloves. Please label with names inside. If the sun is shining, and it is not too bitterly cold, we like to get everyone out in the fresh air.



We are counting our blessings, along with the many donations that have come our way from our wonderful families. It is cold and flu season so we ask your help this month with:

Step 1

Tissues

Step 2Pre KPaper TowelsNapkins

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If you are using the internet to get in touch, with a question or concern, please use the email address <u>cfrancescangeli@bblcinc.com</u>. Should you have a question that needs immediate attention, please give me a call. If your child is ill and will not be able to attend class, you can also leave a message on the answering machine. Otherwise, I will return messages that evening.



"Mom and Me" Holiday Fun

Our **Step 1** class invites moms to join them for their annual gingerbread house decorating. It's a sweet time for the children who

will share some goodies with their guests as well. Rumor has it that Santa himself will stop by for a cookie or two, and a visit with our youngest class! Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 19th at 9:30 (Mom and child arrive). Invitations will be sent soon.



Our Step 2 and Pre K classes will celebrate the

holidays with one parent at our Holiday Pajama Parties! What could be more fun than "jammin' in your Christmas jammies! The Festivities will be at 9:30 for Step 2 and at 1:00 for Pre K! Keep an eye out for your invitations!

Dates to Remember:

Dec. 3	In house registration begins
Dec. 5, 6	Scholastic Bk. Order due (let us know if these are Chr. Items)
Dec. 5	Barn Nature Center Program 12:00 -1:45 for Step 2 & Pre K
Dec. 19	Step 1 Mom & Me Holiday Fun
Dec. 20	Step 2 Pajama Jam 9:30 a.m.
Dec. 20	Pre K Pajama Jam 1:00 p.m. (no Lunch Bunch)
Dec. 23-Jan. 1	No classes Happy Holidays!
Jan. 2	Classes resume