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Building Blocks Learning Center

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We're ready for fall! Bring on the crisp, cool air, the spectacular colors, and the swish and rustle of the falling leaves!

The first month of school is behind us. The children have learned to feel secure in their school environment and have adapted, quite well, to the rhythm of our days! Meeting new friends, exploring the playground, trying out and sharing the toys in their classroom are all lessons that we have concentrated on during the month of September.



We'll kick off the new month by immersing ourselves in "farm life". Why that's just in time for our fall trips to local farms! Our **Step 1** class will be visiting **Kohler Farm** for a hayride and some pumpkin picking this fall. **Step 2** classmates will have their outing at **Del Val Farm** to check out the animals there and make a visit to the pumpkin patch. Watch for permission slips to be coming home soon. **Pre K** will be visiting **Peace Valley Nature Center** on Wednesday, October 23rd for an Animal Skeleton Program. Look out, here come the Bone Detectives!



We will celebrate **National Fire Prevention Week** during the week of October 6-12. Once again our devoted Hilltown Volunteer Fire Co. will visit and speak to the children about fire safety. The fire engine will be here for inspection by the classes and, if we're lucky, the firefighters will let us practice with the hose! Pre K will learn about fire safety at their visit to the fire house (info to come home soon).



PICTURE DAY

Our school photographer from Jontori Studios will be visiting us once again to take individual and class pictures on Tuesday, October 15th (**Step 1**) and

Wednesday, October 16th (**Step 2 & Pre K**). An envelope with photo package descriptions will be sent home this week. You may select the package that you are interested in and return the envelope by **October 11th**.



Our October school themes will take on a seasonal nature. We'll dance with the falling leaves as the vibrant colors of the season surround us. Have you been dreaming of the Great Pumpkin? Well, it's time to dream up a "spooktakular" idea for this year's family pumpkin. The school garden is almost ready and waiting to be transformed into the **BBLC Pumpkin Patch**. Watch for our flyer.



It wouldn't be October without our annual **Trunk 'r Treat** event to wrap up the month. It's always a "howling" good time! The fun takes place on Wednesday, October 30th and Thursday, October 31st! Lots of details will be sent home soon



DONATION OF THE MONTH

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We are so grateful to our generous families for all of your "donations of the month". Your thoughtfulness helped to get us off and running this school year! We never cease to be amazed at the kindness of our school families. Of course, donations are on a voluntary basis, so this month our needs are:

Step 1 - Multi surface spray

Step 2 - Mr. Clean Magic Eraser (or generic brand)

Pre K - Paper plates (inexpensive, large or small)



September Donation Winners: **Step 1 - Conner Doherty**
Step 2 - Michael Brettle **Pre K - Mina French**



DATES TO REMEMBER

10/3	Step 1 Kohler Farm Class Trip 9:30
10/4	Step 2 Del Val Farm Class Trip 9:00
10/7 - 8	Scholastic Book Orders due
10/7, 8	Hilltown Firefighters visit/ Pre K visits Fire House
10/15, 16	Picture Days!
10/21, 22	Family Pumpkins due in the patch
10/23	Pre K Class Trip to Peace Valley Nature Center (12:45)
10/30	Step 2 Trunk 'r Treat 10:45
10/30	Pre K Trunk 'r Treat 2:15
10/31	Step 1 Trunk 'r Treat 11:00

