



# September 2019

## Building Blocks Learning Center

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The staff of Building Blocks Learning Center extend a warm welcome to our old friends and new families as we usher in the 2019-20 school year. This monthly newsletter is intended 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.

This month the children will devote much time to learning about their classmates; what traits we have in common and what makes each of us unique. We'll share stories about our families and, of course, our beloved pets! And so our journey together 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!

## Helpful Hints to You Get Started:

Here are a few tips from the teachers 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

Staying connected to your cell phone is important, but please remember that our car loop and pick-up area are "No Phone Zones". For the safety of everyone, 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.



## 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. Check out our new Lunch Bunch Punch Cards - faster, easier!

**First Lunch Bunch for Pre K - Friday, September 13,**

**First Lunch Bunch for Step 2 - Monday, September 16**



## GIANT A+ Reward

**HUGS** for all of our families and friends of BBLC Hilltown who registered their Giant bonus card for our school. Reward points earned last year helped us purchase a brand new piece of equipment for our children to enjoy in the "Big Room", a large whiteboard for use in the classroom, new flooring for a classroom area, and enables us to present the Barn Nature Center program again this year! See the flyer in your child's folder to see how you can help us again this year!



## 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-Paper towels**



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Tuesday, 9/3   | Step 1 Parent/Child Orientation 9:00 - 10:30   |
| Wednesday, 9/4 | Step 2 Parent/Child Orientation 9:00 - 10:30<br>Pre K Parent/Child Orientation 12:30 - 2:00                      |
| Thursday, 9/5  | Step 1 (child only) session 9:00 -10:30<br>First Pre K 5 afternoon class (child only) 12:30 - 3:15 (regular day) |
| Friday, 9/6    | Step 2 (child only) session 9:00 - 11:45 (regular day)<br>Pre K (child only) session 12:30 - 3:15 (regular day)  |
| Friday, 9/6    | Register online for Giant A+ School Rewards (flyer in folder)<br>New families who have not registered            |
| Sept. 11/12    | Scholastic Book Orders due   |