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THE SCOOP

BUILDING BLOCKS LEARNING CENTER - HILLTOWN
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Hello

Spring

The calendar finally says it's so, and we are taking advantage of the "lamblike" weather by observing all the signs of the season on our nature walks. At last we are able to shake off those "winter blues" and enjoy outside playtime!

The Easter holiday kicks off our month with jelly bean counting and thoughts of bunnies and baskets. Upon our return to school we will welcome our chick eggs. We will patiently watch them incubate as we await "hatch day"! What joy to watch the children's faces as they witness new life before their very eyes!

Of course our feathered friends inspire our exploration of other baby animals and how they grow. We'll take a peek at all little critters from birds to bunnies!

Interesting insects are next on the scene which gives us the opportunity to compare these six legged creatures to what we learned about animal friends.

Now that "spring has sprung," we'll also be taking a closer look at what's popping up in our gardens and learning what all living things need to grow!

Appreciation for the living things of our world sets the stage for focus on our planet and how we can do our part to take care of it during Earth Week!

April is certainly jam-packed with all kinds of new life!



Spring Weather Reminders:

Please be sure that your child comes to school with a weather appropriate jacket and sneakers. We'll take advantage of nice weather days by doing many activities outside. Keep in mind that "here on the hill" we often have a breeze blowing and, while the sun is warm, there is still a spring chill in the air.

Spring is also a good time to change over the spare clothing that is kept in your child's backpack. You might be surprised to see how much they have grown! In spring we often need to change pants due to mud or spills rather than potty problems.



Scholastic Book Orders

A special thanks to all of our families who supported our book club this year. Your purchases help us accumulate points which allow us to purchase many valuable books, games and manipulatives for the children to use at school. The last two book club orders will go home early April, and then again, in early May.

Look for great summer reads!

(L3XTV our code)



BBLC Yearbooks

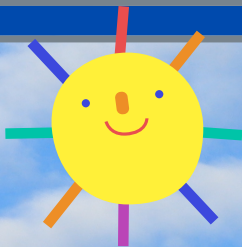
This year we will again offer a school yearbook for each of our classes. We take so many pictures of the children engaged in school activities and find this a great way to share all these special moments from your child's 2020-2021 school year with you. Three different yearbooks will be compiled for each of our three different age groups. This offering is certainly optional for each family. We will send home order forms later this month for those families that are interested! Due date is April 28th.



DONATION OF THE MONTH

Our many, many thanks for the incredible generosity of our families this year! We could not have kept up with all of the sanitation protocols without your help!

This month's request is
MULTISURFACE
DISINFECTANT SPRAY
for wiping down tables.



April Dates to Remember:

- 4/1 Step 1 class day
- 4/2 - 4/5 Easter/Spring Break - no classes
- 4/6 Classes resume, Eggs arrive!
- 4/7-8 Scholastic Book Orders due
- 4/12-13 Hatch Days!
- 4/15 Pre K class extra class day 12:30-3:15
- 4/28 Yearbook orders due



We ask for your continued attention to and support of our safety protocols for returning to school after our spring break. We are not taking extra days after this holiday break. **Please err on the side of caution, if your family has traveled or participated in holiday gatherings outside of your own household.** "When in doubt, keep your child out" - an extra day or two! Even though many of us have been lucky enough to be vaccinated, we must still be vigilant to protect those who are still waiting for their shots, and most importantly, our children.

Remember that masks and safe social distancing practices are our weapons in our fight to prevent the virus from spreading!

Patience as we get closer to the finish line.