



## Building Blocks Learning Center

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Welcome new families and old friends to the Building Blocks Learning Center 2022-2023 school year. The purpose of this monthly newsletter is 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. The most important part of the preschool experience is the development of your child's socialization skills and learning to make friends. Children bring to this experience what they know, and that is, "their families". This month we'll devote much time to sharing what is so special about each child and their families. Next to family, we/they LOVE our pets! The children will have the chance to share all the wonders of their own pets, be they real or imaginary, during Pet Week. So, our journey 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!



## Tips from the Teachers

Here are a few helpful hints 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**! Make a 'Drop-Off' plan and stick to it 😊. Remember, you can call us and see how they're doing, if drop-off was tough.

★ 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 their folder **after each class session**. Take time to discuss the projects created by your child. They worked really hard and are SUPER excited to talk about ALL the details! We think you'll start to notice the connection they make to discussions they've had during 'Circle-Time', the review of new concepts and skills they're learning and the reinforcement of curriculum.

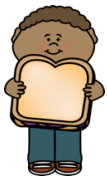
★ Keep school clothes as simple and manageable as possible. Easy, simple clothing makes potty visits much easier and encourages independence. Remember sneakers or rubber soled shoes are the safest choice for school activities. Always be sure to keep a complete, extra set of clothes in a bag in your child's backpack.

★ Be patient in these first few weeks of school, as we are all learning new school routines. Most importantly, revel in the carefree innocence of your preschooler!



## **NO PHONE ZONE**

While staying connected to your cell phone is important, we would like to remind you that our car loop and pick-up area are **"No Phone Zones"**. It is extremely important that you focus all your attention on the moving cars and pedestrians in the car line, specifically our little ones. 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**

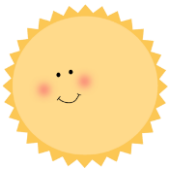
Lunch Bunch is a fun component of the preschool experience. Please look for the Lunch Bunch Flyer in your child's folder for specifics about this **optional** offering for our students.

Lunch Bunch fee: \$7 (11:45-12:30)

**First Lunch Bunch for Pre K/Mondays - September 26<sup>th</sup>**

**First Lunch Bunch for Step 2/Fridays - September 30<sup>th</sup>**

**First Lunch Bunch for Step 1/Tuesdays - October 18<sup>th</sup>**



## DONATION OF THE MONTH

Our generous families are always asking what we need to help us out! When there is a need, we will suggest a specific donation item from each class. Item suggestions will be expressed in the monthly newsletter. Of course, your *donations are always voluntary*, but SO very appreciated!

Donation Item for the month of September, for all classes is a snack item. Snack suggestions: Goldfish crackers, pretzels, graham crackers.....pretty much whatever 'your' child will eat – other children probably like as well!! ☺



## New & Improved

Old Dogs really CAN learn new tricks.....(ehem, Ms. Denise ☺)!! BBLC is trying to 'reduce' our paper waste by asking our parents to please send in with their child, a thermos-style/water bottle. For example:



No plastic/disposable water bottles, please. Your child's water bottle will travel home each class day for washing and return to school, filled with water, the next school day. Please mark your child's water bottle with their first/last name. Thank you for helping us practice what we preach – "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle"!



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, 9/8 Step 1 Parent/Child Orientation

\*group one 9am-10am

\*group two 10:30am-11:30am

Friday, 9/9

Step 2 Parent/Child Orientation

\*group one 9am-10am

\*group two 10:30am-11:30am

Pre-K Parent/Child Orientation

\*group one 12:30pm-1:30pm

\*group two 2pm-3pm

Monday, 9/12 First Independent School Day/Week for Students

Step 2 9am-11:45am

Pre-K(3&5day) 12:30pm-3:15pm and then Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>

(Tues./Thurs) 12:30-3:15pm

Tuesday, 9/13 1<sup>st</sup> Abbreviated Week for Step 1

9am-10:30am

Tuesday, 9/20 2<sup>nd</sup> Abbreviated Week for Step 1

9am-11am

Thursday, 9/22 Scholastic Book Order Due – Step 1

Friday, 9/23 Scholastic Book Order Due – Step 2 & PreK

Tuesday, 9/27 First Full Week for Step 1

Regular Time 9am-11:45am

Wed./Thurs. 9/28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Crazy Sock Day



## CRAZY SILLY DAYS

Who doesn't LOVE a Fun & Crazy Theme-Day!?!? We ALL need something to look forward to and a day of utter 'goofiness' sounds like a GREAT idea!!

These will be school-wide events, after all I wouldn't want anyone to miss out on the fun! These are not mandatory participation, but sometimes these sorts of wacky days serve a 'purpose' for everyone; the most quiet and shy of children "let their hair down" and "come out of their shell", your 'in-house' stand-up comedian gets his/her chance to go wild! Even the occasional 'crab-apple' can't help themselves but crack smile and enjoy a moment of excitement!! So please join in on the fun, even our teachers will be sporting their BEST Pinterest ideas!!!

### Crazy Silly Days

September – Crazy Sock Day (28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>)

October – Crazy Hair Day (date TBD)

November – Hat Day (date TBD)

December – One Color Day (date TBD)

January – PJ Day (date TBD)

February – Superhero Day (date TBD)

March – Book Character Day (date TBD)

April – Sports Day (date TBD)

May – Beach Day (date TBD)

**“It’s One of my  
Favorite Seasons  
of the Year...Back to School”**

**-Dana Perino**