



2023

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 holiday songs have begun playing on the radio and the smell of excitement is swirling around! And I am 100% certain that weathermen should seek the "inner barometers" of children under the age of five, for their predictions of snow! This month we use our senses to explore the sights, sounds, smells, tastes and 'feels' of the holidays!

Our senses (our curriculum theme that kicks off the month), 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 dance and play with the sounds, sights, tastes and textures of the season. Let the reindeer games begin!

Many thanks! Our Building Blocks Thanksgiving celebrations looked wonderful this year, as our little ones sat amongst their friends and dined on their 'Mayflower Munch'! As we looked around at our classes, we felt "very thankful" to play a small part in your child's lives but are truly grateful to call all of you, our Hilltown family! All of the children worked feverishly during the month of November to prepare many Thanksgiving and Native American projects – we think they did a FANTASTIC job! We hope you enjoyed our little 'Turkeys' singing and sharing their grateful hearts; thank you for popping in!!

Winter Reminder!



Now that winter weather is here, please remember to send your child to school with **warm coats, hats, and mittens. Please label with names.** If the sun is shining, and it is not too bitterly cold, we like to get everyone out in the fresh air! This is also a good time to check the backpacks for seasonal 'change of clothes'. Accidents still happen AND we're doing LOTS of painting....in short, we get messy!

Just a note...

Please continue to check your child's communication folder **on a daily basis**. Between the holiday(s), and individual classroom news.....there's TONS of important items that may need your timely attention. Thank you!



"Mom and Me" Gingerbread Fun

Our **Step 1** class invites our moms to join them for their annual gingerbread house decorating! It's a sweet, intimate opportunity for you and your child to slow down and share some quality time, in the midst of the 'Christmas Crazy'!!

Rumor has it that Santa himself will stop by for a Surprise visit! Shhhh! Keeping winter cold/flu/Covid concerns, 'The Big Guy' will be making his jolly wave and "Ho, Ho, Ho" from afar (socially distanced from you and your little one 😊) This actually works in our favor, as some of our children are a little hesitant of Santa's presence! Who knew 'they' were actually social distancing before it was a thing! 😊 Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 19th, 10:15am. Invitations will be sent home soon!!



Step Two & PreK Holiday Festivities!

Our Step Two and PreK classes will be celebrating the Holiday Season with a Traditional Holiday Sing-a-Long! Both classes are welcomed to invite (a maximum) of six guests, to join us for some fun carols and fingerplays!

STEP TWO ~ HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG

Please join us on

Wednesday, DECEMBER 20TH

@9:30am

*Children will arrive at normal time (9am), program begins promptly at 9:30am. At the conclusion of our program, your BBLC school day is complete.

PREK ~ HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG

Please join us on

Wednesday, DECEMBER 20TH

@ 11:30am

*Children will arrive at 11am, program begins promptly at 11:30am. At the conclusion of our program, your BBLC school day is complete. There is no afternoon class for PreK after the show's completion.



Dates to Remember:

- Dec. 11th – Scholastic Book Order Due
Dec. 18th – NO LUNCH BUNCH, as we are preparing for our Holiday Events
Dec. 15th – PreK Show-n-Tell
Dec. 19th - Step One 'Mom & Me' event 10:15am
Dec. 20th - Step Two Holiday Sing-a-Long 9:30am
Dec. 20th – Step Two last of classes before Winter Break
Dec. 20th – PreK Holiday Sing-a-Long 11:30
Dec. 21st – Last Day of classes before Winter Break (for Step One & PreK/5day)
Dec. 22nd, 2023 - Jan. 1st, 2024~Winter Break
Classes Resume Tuesday January 2nd, 2024!



MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

Happy New Year!

From Our Families to Yours

Love,

Ms. Denise, Ms. Elaine & Ms. Monica