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Welcome new families and old friends to the Building Blocks Learning Center 2023-2024 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 containing 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, learning to make friends, and having FUN! Children bring to this experience what they know, and that is, "their families". This month we'll devote our 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.

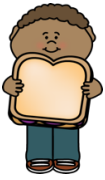
★ Keep school clothes as simple and manageable as possible. Easy, simple clothing makes potty visits much easier and encourages independence. Remember sneakers or rubber soled shoes are the safest choice for school activities. Always be sure to keep a complete, extra set of clothes in a bag in your child's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

★ 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

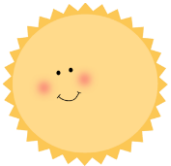
Lunch Bunch is a fun component of the preschool experience. Please look for the Lunch Bunch Flyer in your child's folder for specifics about this optional offering for our students.

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

Lunch Bunch for Pre K/Mondays - 1st lunch September 25th

Lunch Bunch for Step 2/Fridays - 1st lunch September 29th

Lunch Bunch for Step 1/Tuesdays - *tentatively* set for November 28th



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!! ☺ **Thank you SO much!**



New & Improved

BBLC is 'reducing' 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 and class. Thank you for helping us practice what we preach – "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle"!



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, 9/7 Step 1 Parent/Child Orientation

Friday, 9/8 Step 2 Parent/Child Orientation
Pre-K Parent/Child Orientation

Monday, 9/11 First Independent School Day/Week for Students

Tuesday, 9/12 1st Abbreviated Week for Step 1
9am-11am

Tuesday, 9/20 2nd Abbreviated Week for Step 1
9am-11am

Monday, 9/25 1st PreK Lunch Bunch

Friday, 9/29 1st Step 2 Lunch Bunch

We're BACK Kiddos!!

Let's do this!!!!

