

December 2017

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 carols are playing, and the sugar plums are dancing in our heads! This month we use our senses to explore the sights, sounds, smells, tastes and feel of the holidays!

Our senses 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 sing, dance, play with the sounds, sights, tastes and textures of the season. Let the reindeer games begin!



Many thanks to our Building Blocks Families for sharing in our annual Thanksgiving Feast. This year was our largest participation ever! Our little ones worked feverishly during the month of November to prepare for their guests. Staff members felt "very thankful" to be part of such a lovely group of families and to meet those people who are most special to your children. We are most grateful to all of our moms for the delicious food they donated for the feasting!



Registration

This month you will receive information on classes and registration for next year. Registration for next school year, for children presently enrolled, their siblings, and any BBLC alumni families will begin on December 1. **For all currently-enrolled**

families, just the \$75 non-refundable registration fee is required with the completed registration form. The May 2018 tuition deposit can be delayed up to March 1st, if needed. We realize that December is an expensive month, and an extra tuition deposit is an added hardship. A seat will be held for your child until March 1 and confirmation will be sent when full payment is received.

If you have any concerns or questions, please arrange to speak to your child's teacher for direction toward age and developmentally appropriate placement of your child. Registration for other interested families will be accepted beginning in January. If you know of anyone who might be interested in our school, encourage them to call and arrange for a tour!



Winter Reminder! Now that winter weather is here please

remember to send your child to school with **warm coats, hats and gloves**. Please **label with names inside**. If the sun is shining, and it is not too bitterly cold, we like to get everyone out in the fresh air.



DONATION OF THE MONTH

We are counting our blessings, along with the many donations that have come our way from our wonderful families. It is cold and flu season so we ask your help this month with:

Step 1

Antibacterial wipes

Step 2

Juice

Pre K

Tissues

Just a note. . .

If you are using the internet to get in touch, with a question or concern, please use the email address cfrancescangeli@bblcinc.com. I can access these messages from my iPad while at school. That said, the Wi-Fi we tap into at St. Peter's is spotty and, frequently, we are unable to connect. Should you have a question that needs immediate attention, please give me a call. If your child is ill and will not be

able to attend class, you can also leave a message on the answering machine. Otherwise, I will return messages that evening.



“North Pole Reindeer Games”

Our Step 2 and Pre K classes will each participate, with one parent, in holiday fun we call “**Reindeer Games**”! There will be lots of games, laughs, treats and Christmas mayhem, so, “Get your game on, Prancer”! A flyer with details will come home soon.



“Mom and Me” Holiday Fun

Our Step 1 class invite moms to join them for their annual gingerbread house decorating. It's a sweet time for the children who will share some goodies with their guests as well. Rumor has it that Santa himself will stop by for a cookie or two, and a visit with our youngest class! Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 21st at 9:30. Invitations will be sent soon.

Dates to Remember:

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| Dec. 1 | In house registration begins |
| Dec. 5, 6 | Scholastic Bk. Order due (let us know if these are Chr. Items) |
| Dec. 21 | Step 1 Mom & Me Holiday Fun |
| Dec. 22 | Step 2 Reindeer Games 9:30 a.m. |
| Dec. 22 | Pre K Reindeer Games 1:00 p.m. (no Lunch Bunch) |
| Dec. 25-Jan. 1 | No classes |
| Jan. 2 | Classes resume |