



**Breezy Knoll Child Care Center**  
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 January 2015 Newsletter



**Thank You!**

All of the staff at Breezy Knoll would love to wish all of our families a happy and healthy new year! We hope that you have enjoyed some quality time with you family, friends and loved ones over the holidays! Also, we extend our warmest thanks to all of you who remembered our staff during the holiday season.

**Breezy Knoll  
 General News**

**Snow Cancelations**

For center closings due to inclement weather, tune to **WJAR TV 10, WPRI TV 12, WLNE TV 6, CW 28, PBS 36** or the Fox stations, OR check their websites: [www.turnto10.com](http://www.turnto10.com), [www.wpri.com](http://www.wpri.com), [www.abc6.com](http://www.abc6.com), [www.cw28tv.com](http://www.cw28tv.com), [www.ripbs.com](http://www.ripbs.com), [www.fox64.com](http://www.fox64.com).

A complete list is attached.

\*\*\*We do not always follow Smithfield Public Schools' Snow Cancelations\*\*\*\*

**Important Dates to Remember**

Thursday, January 1st Happy New Year! BK CLOSED to observe holiday  
 Friday, January 2nd. BK CLOSED to observe Holiday  
 Monday, January 5th Kindergarten Class resumes  
 Monday, January 19th. BK Closed to observe Martin Luther King Day  
 \*\*\*\*\*Progress Reports will be out at the end of January\*\*\*\*\*

Please be sure that your child has an extra set of clothes that are appropriate for the winter months.

**PROPER ATTIRE FOR SNOW DAYS**

With winter upon us, there will be many snowy days during the school week! We advise you that the children WILL go outside to play every day, even if there is snow on the ground. This practice is both healthy and fun for them. Proper attire is requested and expected! The outerwear needed includes: coat, snow pants, hat, mittens, and boots. No scarves, please, as they create a hazard for possible injury. Clothing may be left at Breezy Knoll if it is more convenient for you. We ask that you dress your child with the expectation of outdoor play daily, even in cold weather. Thank you!



# Toddler and Transitional Toddler News



During the month of January the children will be working on fine and gross motor skills. There will be lots of fun activities and centers that will allow the children to explore the use of these muscles. Some fun activities at home to help your children build up these muscles are:

**Fine motor:**

- Manipulating Playdough
- Water/Sand/Snow tables
- Tearing paper
- Finger painting in shaving cream
- Finger plays
- Stringing large beads on pipe cleaners
- Large pop beads

**Gross Motor:**

- Balance beam
- Stretching/Following directions
- Go for lots of walks/ on various grasses, sand, gravel, etc. Any uneven surface will challenge their balance to learn better skills.



**Literacy and Language concepts:**

The toddlers will be learning about the new season of winter and snow. The teachers will use lots of descriptive language to express what the weather is doing outside and what kinds of clothing we wear in this weather. Also, the children will pretend to be bears hibernating from the cold. There will be many fun new finger plays that the toddlers will learn! Please check the parent board daily to see what books and finger plays the toddlers are enjoying.

Also, we will provide many opportunities for the children to better develop and practice some self-help skills (drinking from a cup, feeding themselves, handwashing, etc.)

Some fun new concepts will be introduced; artic animals, colors of the month (blue & white), shape of the month (rectangle), and matching and sorting our new colors and shapes. We will continue to sing the alphabet song and find some of these letters in our learning environment!

# Preschool Honeybee News



During the month of January we will continue to work on letter (P,Q,R,S) and number (6,7) recognition. The children are also working on their fine motor skills (writing, cutting, lacing, zipping, etc.) Another focus this month will be patterning, positional words, and shapes.

This month we will be focusing on winter (animals, weather, sports, and clothing). Lots of fun activities will be presented for the children to build upon on these new concepts and connect them to the real world.

Check out our Question of the Day board to see what your child said! A lot of their responses are sure to give you a good laugh!

Please provide your child with a 2 inch binder if you haven't already done so for your child's portfolio.

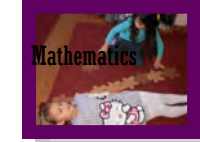
Also, progress reports will be coming out at the end of this month.



# Pre-Kindergarten News

During the month of January we will talk about the new season of winter with fun snowman games and crafts.

And hopefully make a real snowman outside!

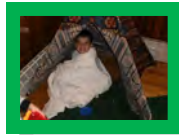
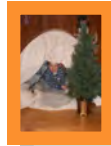


We will also explore penguins by learning where they live, what they eat and what they do all day!

The Pre-kindergarteners will enjoy reading The Mitten and apply it to our science, literacy and math areas.

Also, we will continue to work on our letters, the sounds they make, and will learn more sight words. We will put that all together to practice reading in our emergent reader books that you see coming home from time to time.

Happy Winter!



# Kindergarten News

## January Important Dates

Monday, January 5. Kindergarten resumes  
 Friday, January 9. Show & Tell  
 Group A  
 Friday, January 16. Show & Tell  
 Group B  
 Friday, January 23. Artist of the Month  
 Kandinsky-Painting Music  
 Thursday, January 29. 100th Day Celebration  
 Friday, January 30. Cooking  
 Make Ice Cream in a Bag

Welcome back to Kindergarten!

\*\*\*\*Progress reports will be sent home at the end of January.\*\*\*\*  
 Kindly check Kindergarten board daily for updates and project needs.

### Language Arts

Winter Poems  
 Informative writing  
 "at" word family  
 Color words  
 Vowels

### Mathematics

Addition  
 Counting by  
 1s/5s/10s

### Science/Social Studies

Artic/Antarctic Animals  
 Penguin  
 Winter/Snow/Ice  
 Martin Luther King, Jr.



Happy New Year!

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INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELATION PROGRAM**

**TELEVISION STATIONS**

WLNE-TV/ABC 6 (www.abc6.com)  
WPRI-TV/CBS 12 (www.wpri.com)  
RI PBS/Channel 36 (www.ripbs.org)

WJAR-TV/NBC 10 (www.turnto10.com)  
CW 28 (www.cw28tv.com)  
WNAC-FOX (www.fox64.com)

**RADIO STATIONS**

**FM DIAL:**

92.3 WPRO (www.92profm.com)  
93.3 WSNE (www.wsne.com)  
94.1 WHJY (www.whjy.com)  
95.5 WBRU (www.wbru.com)  
98.1 WCTK (www.wctk.com)  
99.7 WSKO (www.scoreamfm.com)  
100.3 WKKB (www.latina1003.com)  
101.5 WWBB (www.b101.com)  
102.7 JAZZ (www.festivaljazz1027.com)  
105.1 WWLI (www.litrock105fm.com)  
106.3 WWKX (www.hot1063.com)

**AM DIAL:**

1590 WARV (www.warv.net)  
630 WPRO (www.630wpro.com)  
790 WSKO (www.scoreamfm.com)  
920 WHJJ (www.whjjam.com)  
1110 WPMZ (www.poder1110.com)  
1180 WCNX (www.wcnx1180.com)  
1240 WOON (www.onworldwide.com)  
1290 WRNI (www.wrni.org)  
1540 WADK (www.wadk.com)  
1590 WARV (www.warv.net)  
1450 WLKW (www.wnbh.com)

**IF YOU CHOOSE, YOU CAN REGISTER TO BE PERSONALLY NOTIFIED ON YOUR HOME OR CELL PHONE, PDA OR EMAIL ADDRESS. THE SIMPLE REGISTRATION FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITES OF PARTICIPATING RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS.**

**TODDLER/PRESCHOOL/PRE-K/KIND SUMMER AND FALL 2015 REGISTRATION**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

**SUMMER ENROLLMENT:**  YES my child will attend through the **SUMMER OF 2015**

**Program:**  TODDLER  PRESCHOOL  PRE-K

**Schedule:**  Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  HALF DAY  FULL DAY

NO my child will NOT attend during the **SUMMER of 2015**

**FALL ENROLLMENT:**  YES my child will attend through the **FALL of 2015**

**Program:**  TODDLER  PRESCHOOL  PRE-K  BK KINDER  LP School Age

**Schedule:**  Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  HALF DAY  FULL DAY

NO my child will NOT attend during the **FALL of 2015**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_