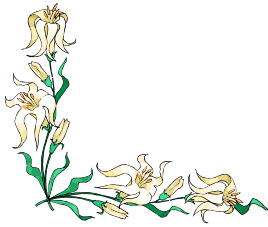


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May 2010 Newsletter



IF I HAD MY CHILD TO RAISE OVER AGAIN

If I had my child to raise over again,
I'd finger paint more and point the finger less.
I'd do less correcting and more connecting.
I'd take my eyes off my watch and watch with my eyes.
I would care to know less and know to care more.
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.
I'd stop playing serious and seriously play.
I'd run through more fields and gaze at more stars.
I'd do more hugging and less tugging.
I would be firm less often and affirm much more.
I'd build self-esteem first and the house later.
I'd teach less about the love of power and
more about the power of love.



SUMMER SCHEDULE

Our summer program will begin on June 21, 2010. If your child's schedule is changing for the summer, please start those new times during that week. If you cannot change the days at that time or you need to make any other changes to your schedule, please see Jeannette. Thank you!

WE WISH ALL BREEZY KNOLL MOMS
A WONDERFUL MOTHER'S DAY!
SIT BACK, AND ENJOY THE DAY



Mothers hold their children's hands
for a short while, but their hearts forever.

- Leopold Kompert

PRESCHOOL NEWS

We are all enjoying spending more time outside. The children are enjoying planting and observing the growth.

This month, some of the goals we will focus on are: to retell parts of a story with prompts and demonstrate an understanding of the meaning of a story, to pursue questions through simple investigations, to investigate changes in materials and cause-effect relationships, to demonstrate increasing strength and stamina in movement activities, and to select a variety of tools to approach tasks. Some activities planned are:

Physical Health /Development

Musical Chairs
Head/Shoulders/Knees and Toes
Crossing the Street
Pig Roll
Egg Toss
Relay races



Creativity

Body Tracing
Color garden
Spinning art
Barnyard mural
Straw painting
Swirling seeds



Science/Sensory

Best shape for wheels?
Water Table
Making/exploring mud
Sink/float
Plant parts
Comparing sand



Literacy

The Tiny Seed
Is Your Mama a Llama?
Airplane Story
Franklin Wants a Pet
Bird Rhymes
Letter Detectives



FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL AND TODDLERS/SUMMER ATTENDANCE

To help us plan our staffing for the summer months, please complete the form below and return it to Jeannette's mailbox. We appreciate your effort to help us with scheduling.

Child's Name _____ Group _____ Date _____

Please note that you are responsible for payment for tuition even if your child is absent due to illness, personal, or vacation. The fees paid reserve your child's enrollment in the center. (PARENT HANDBOOK p. 1)

VACATION WEEKS MY CHILD WILL NOT ATTEND:

June 21—25	<input type="checkbox"/>	July 26—30	<input type="checkbox"/>
June 28—July 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Aug. 2—6	<input type="checkbox"/>
July 6—9	<input type="checkbox"/> closed Mon. 7/5/10	August 10—13	<input type="checkbox"/> closed Mon. 8/9/10
July 12—16	<input type="checkbox"/>	August 16—20	<input type="checkbox"/>
July 19—23	<input type="checkbox"/>	August 23—26	<input type="checkbox"/> closed Fri. 8/27/10

NO VACATION DURING THE SUMMER; MY CHILD WILL ATTEND ALL WEEKS



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Mark your calendars! Kindergarten graduation will be on Friday evening, June 11, from 5:45 PM to 6:45 PM. We hope you are able to make arrangements to join us. Graduates need to be at school by 5:30 pm. Thank you!

Math

Subtraction/Addition
Estimation/surveying
Weights



Science/Social Studies

Insects
Plant life/growth
Compare soil/dirt



Language Arts/Reading

Word families/poems
Sight words
Guided reading
Classroom books
Word Family books
Question of the Week
Let's Find Out magazine



DATES TO REMEMBER



May 9, Sun. Happy Mother's Day
May 31, Mon. Memorial Day Breezy Knoll closed

FUNDRAISER

We thank you all for your support in our fundraising efforts to purchase notebook computers for our teachers. These classroom notebooks will help us to correspond with our families more efficiently. Our profits totaled \$1,098.80! We will keep you apprised of when we purchase the notebooks. Again, we all appreciate your continued efforts to support and help us in our program.

KEEPING GERMS AWAY

We have been discussing the importance of healthy practices in school and at home. After a brainstorming session, our Kindergarten class offered their own ideas about how to keep germs away:

- Use a tissue to blow your nose.
- Take the medicine the doctor gives you.
- Get plenty of rest.
- Sneeze into your elbow.
- Wash your hands after you: blow your nose, go to the bathroom, touch garbage.
- Stay home in your bed!



SCHOOL AGE SUMMER CAMP

Our plans for summer camp have been sent home. Please return necessary forms as soon as possible. Thank you!



LEARN THROUGH PLAY

From Fun Family Activities: Science
Help your child become a scientific thinker: observe, collect, describe, and record.



A Shadow Hunt: On a sunny day, take your child outside and look for shadows. Have your child find their own shadow. Move around and watch your shadows change. Try standing in your shadow. Then, stand in the light. Ask your child to describe what happens.

Now, look for as many shadows as possible. Observe the shadows made by birds, trees, signs, people, animals, and flowers. Ask your child questions such as, "What has a shadow? When do you see it?"



OPTIONAL LUNCH MILK/JUICE MONEY

If you would like Breezy Knoll to serve milk/juice to your child at lunchtime, please enclose 25cents for each day of the month your child will receive milk/juice. Please place money in an envelope and drop in tuition mailbox.

Child's Name _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Milk/juice money enclosed for month of (please circle): Jan Feb Mar Apr May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



This month, we wish a Happy Birthday to:
AJ C. (5/1), Giselle J. (5/3), Michael C. (5/6),
Lucas S. (5/9), Gennie H. (5/12), Seamus D. (5/23),
Julia M. (5/27), and Cameron M. (5/28).

NEW STANDARDS

As of June 30, 2010, the RI Dept. of Education is putting some new standards in place. One of the requirements is that we have on staff an Early Childhood Education Coordinator, who will oversee all curriculum development and implementation, and monitor the professional development of all teaching staff. We feel that Bobbie-Jo Sullivan is our best candidate to meet those requirements. The ECE Coordinator may not hold any other position, so Mrs. Sullivan will not be teaching the kindergarten class in the fall of 2010.

TODDLER NEWS



Spring has sprung, and we are excited for warm, sunny days, blooming flowers, and singing birds. We are enjoying spending more time outside in the warm, sunny weather! Just a few reminders:

- Please leave all toys at home. Breezy Knoll provides your child with many play opportunities. A stuffed animal for quiet time is all that is needed from home.
- Remember to take home quiet time belongings every week for washing.
- Please return bag with a change of clothes suitable for the warmer weather. Thanks!

REMINDERS

- Please be sure your child has a set of spare clothes here at BK that is appropriate for the weather.
- To help us with summer staffing, please return the form attached regarding your vacation time. Thanks!
- When dropping off or picking up your child and you expect to be more than a few minutes, please try to park in an area which will not block other cars. Often, parents are in a hurry, and it is frustrating to be blocked in and unable to leave. Thanks.

SONGS AND FINGERPLAYS

Garden Poem

Here is my garden.
I'll rake it with care.
And then some seeds
I'll plant in there.
The sun will shine.
The rain will fall.
And my garden will grow
straight and tall.



Here is the Beehive

Here is the beehive.
Where are the bees?
Hidden away where
nobody sees.
Watch and you'll see them
Come out of the hive.
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, BZZZZZZZZZZZZ!



Happy Mother's Day

(tune Yankee Doodle)
I'll pick some flowers
for my Mom.
To make a nice bouquet.
I'll give her a smile and a hug
And say, "Happy Mother's Day!"



Plant Some Seeds

(tune: Pop Goes the Weasel)
I dig and dig and dig and dig.
And I plant some seeds.
I rake and rake and rake and
rake.
And I pull some weeds.
I wait and watch and watch
and wait.
And very soon I know
The seeds will eat and drink
and sprout.
And then they'll start to grow!



Rain on the Green Grass

Rain on the green grass
And rain on the tree.
Rain on the rooftop
But not on me!

A Caterpillar's Song

(tune: I'm a Little Teapot)
I'm a little caterpillar, green and fat.
But I won't always look like that!
I will grow and change as time goes by.
And I'll become a butterfly!



May Flowers

April brought us showers.
But it is plain to see.
That May will bring us flowers
That are pretty as can be!

MOTHER'S DAY HUMOR

You know you're a Mom when:
Your feet stick to the kitchen floor and you don't care.
Popsicles become a food staple.
Your favorite TV show is a cartoon.
Peanut butter and jelly is eaten daily.
Spit becomes your primary cleaning agent.
- Author Unknown



Three Little Tulips

(tune: Three Little Duck-
lings)
Three little tulips once I grew.
A white one, a pink one, a red
one, too.
One little tulip grew, grew, grew.
It grew taller than the other two.
The other two, the other two.
It grew taller than the other two!



The Itsy Bitsy Seed

(tune: Itsy Bitsy Spider)
The itsy bitsy seed
Was planted in the hole.
Down came the rain
And a sprout began to grow.
Out came the sun
And shone down on the leaves.
Now the itsy bitsy seed
Is a great big grown-up tree!



Super Singers

(tune: Do Your Ears Hang Low?)
Do you hear birds sing?
They're so happy that it's spring!
Hear them cheep, cheep, cheep.
Hear them twitter,; hear them peep.
Hear them at sunrise
When you open up your eyes.
Do you hear birds sing?



NUTRITION TIP OF THE MONTH:

Watch tired faces break into smiles with this breakfast treat.

Smile-A-Mile Breakfast Faces

- Mini bagel or regular bagel, cut in half crosswise
- Whipped cream cheese
- Cereal, dry
- Place the bagel half on a plate, and spread with cream cheese.
- Use the fruit and cereal to make a face. Enjoy!



FUN IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS From Scholastic Pre-K Today Tips

Spring means sunshine, warm weather, and rediscovering the great outdoors. Many of the activities your child enjoyed indoors during the winter months will have a new twist when done outdoors.

Here are two outdoor activities that are enjoyable and educational and that you and your child can easily do together in your own backyard or at a local park or playground. Remember that as your child tries these activities, he or she will not only have fun, but gain experience with fundamental science concepts, use skills like matching and listening, and express his or her own imagination:

Spray Bottle Painting: attach a large piece of paper to a fence or wall. Fill several pump-type spray bottles with water and add food coloring or different-colored tempera paints. Show your child how to pump the spray bottles and aim toward the paper. Discuss the importance of aiming the spray away from oneself and others. Let your child use different colors in succession. As your child squirts the spray bottle, he or she is strengthening finger muscles. This kind of exercise helps your child to refine his or her ability to hold and control a writing or drawing implement.

Fun With Light Reflections: This is a great way for your child to experiment with light reflections. Part of the fun is a "light chase" that will challenge your child's eye-hand coordination. This activity is great fun on a sunny day. Collect some small mirrors. Show your child how to hold the mirrors at an angle to create a bright reflection on the outside of your house or another building. Let your child try to make his or her lights chase and catch yours!

