



Breezy Knoll Child Care Center

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NOVEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER



REMINDERS

- * During school vacation weeks, Breezy Knoll is open for care. We are closed only on the major holidays.
- * A registration form for Toddlers/PS/Pre-K for summer and fall 2014 is included in this newsletter. Please return to Jeannette as soon as possible to reserve placement. Registration forms for other programs will be sent at a later date. You may also submit an electronic form on our website. Please note **if you plan to include a sibling** in either program.
- * Please remember to send in a **jacket, hat and mittens** for your child. The mornings are very cool when the children go outside. It would be **very** helpful if your child had an extra pair of mittens or two, as they are easily misplaced.
- * Please be sure that your child's spare set of clothes is suitable for the colder weather. Please include underwear and socks. Thanks!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon, Nov. 11	BK closed/Veterans Day
Wed, Nov. 13	Fundraiser delivered. Kindly pick up items that day.
Thur, Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Holiday
Fri, Nov. 29	Breezy Knoll Closed for holiday

GIVING TREE



This holiday season, Breezy Knoll is again working with the Smithfield Welfare Department to provide Christmas for a family with three children. Soon, we will set up a "Giving Tree" in the front hall. If you want to help, simply take an ornament from the tree and attach it to the wrapped gift you are donating. Kindly return the gift to the box near the Giving Tree in the front hall. All gifts will be due by a specific date to ensure timely delivery to the Welfare Department. More information will follow. We thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

In November, we will focus on these learning goals: self-organization and self-concept, developing confidence in accomplishing new tasks, managing transitions, and following multiple step directions. Children will learn to take turns, including during conversations, and continue develop both fine and gross motor skills. In Math, the will begin to associate numbers of objects with the numeral.



FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES—RIELS

Through interactions with family and friends, children learn to play, share, and work together. They also learn to care for one another and resolve conflicts that may arise.

- * Create special traditions and memories that your child will always remember—Friday night pizza, fishing on Opening Day, game night, walks in the park, Sunday dinner, talking and reading before bedtime.
- * Have conversations at mealtimes. Family members can share stories about their day.
- * Spend time together each day talking and listening to your child's stories.
- * Let your child know that he/she is an important member of the family.



TUITION FEES



Tuition fees will increase slightly in January 2014. Please note that this is the first increase since January of 2012. A new fee sheet will be sent home shortly.



FOOD AT THE CENTER

With the holidays approaching, we ask that all food brought to school to share with friends be store-bought with the ingredients panel clearly marked. We must be sensitive to the needs of our children with allergies. Thank you!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER

To order scholastic books online is a quick and easy process. Go to: <http://pcool.scholastic.com/parentordering/login.jsp>
Class user name: bkccfriends - password: fun2read
Browse, then place your order. We are no longer setting a due date for placing orders. You are welcome to place an order at any time convenient for you. Happy reading!



* **SNOW CANCELLATIONS** *
* Please check your local television stations for *
* notification of the cancellation/delay process due to *
* inclement weather. Attached is a complete listing of *
* the participating stations. 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. Please see list attached. *

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Colder weather is on the way. Please check the change of clothes for your child to make sure it's suitable for the colder weather. Also, please be sure your child wears a coat to school daily. We *will* be going outside, even on snowy days! Students will also need boots, snow pants, hats and mittens. Please label everything! We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving! Please note that we will be closed on Monday, Nov. 11, Thursday, Nov. 28 AND Friday, Nov. 29.

Science/Social Studies

Native Americans
Pilgrims/Mayflower
Giving thanks and family
Election Day
First foods of Thanksgiving
Corn experiments
Spiders and nocturnal animals



Literacy

Poetry
Reading groups start
Signing in with last names
Beginning/ending sounds
Author, Illustrator,
Characters, Setting



Books

Thanksgiving Day
Corn is Maize
Over the River: A Turkey's Tale
Thanks for Thanksgiving
'Twas the Night Before
Thanksgiving
The Hat The Mitten
Animals in Winter



Math

Continue counting book
Geometry
2 & 3 dimensional shapes
Shape sorts and creations
Math Stories:
Ten Black Dots
When a Line Bends, a
Shape Begins



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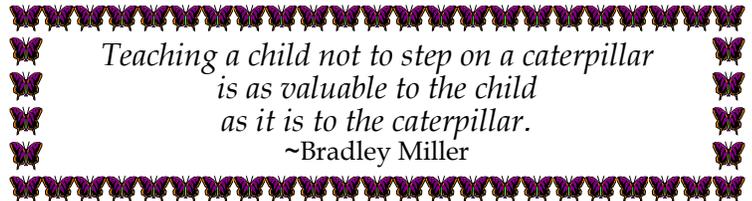
Developing a Sense of Responsibility

Think of ways that you can help your children become aware of their responsibilities with family and friends.

Encourage your child to help. This is how children learn cooperation. Choose a few responsibilities that your child can do successfully, such as:

- * Picking up their toys
- * Selecting their own clothing
- * Wiping off the table
- * Taking out the garbage
- * Helping to wash the car
- * Picking up leaves in the yard
- * Putting clean clothes away
- * Feeding the pet





Teaching a child not to step on a caterpillar

is as valuable to the child

as it is to the caterpillar.

~Bradley Miller

IMPORTANCE OF PLAY

From the Child Care Support Network's Helping Hands Newsletter

“Play is child’s work.” We hear that a lot in early childhood education, and, as an adult, the concept of work=play is unfathomable. It’s unfortunate that, as we grow older, work and play somehow shift to almost mutual exclusion, but, to children, they are still one and the same. Play is a child’s *work*, in that, aside from being entertaining, it’s also functional.

Play is the vehicle by which children better understand their world, their friends, and even themselves (i.e. likes/dislikes). Despite its many forms, play is a very sensory-driven enterprise. The sights, sounds, smells, tastes, and shapes of things impact a child’s level of interaction (play). Play can accommodate every child and every mode of learning. Child’s play is really much more complicated than it looks.

The kinds of learning a child experiences in the same activity vary from day to day, which is what makes play so powerful. Children learn more in an environment of play because they set the tone, gauge the speed, and choose the direction of the learning.

Brain research supports what early childhood professionals have always known—that young children learn and assimilate new information at a pace few adults can match! This is far from suggesting that teaching is obsolete. In fact, the most important role of teachers is as *facilitators of play*. Rather than trying to lead a child’s play into something they are ready to teach, teachers follow the child’s lead and teach what they are ready to learn.

EATING HEALTHY; GROWING STRONG

From HealthyChildren.org

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation and the American Academy of Pediatrics have joined with the best-selling children’s book, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, by Eric Carle to help families learn about healthy eating habits.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar eats many foods on his journey to becoming a butterfly. You can help your child on his or her own journey to grow up healthy and strong. To help you in this journey, visit the website:

<http://www.healthychildren.org/English/healthy-living/nutrition/the-very-hungry-caterpillar/Pages/default.aspx>



Optional Lunch Milk/Juice Money

If you would like Breezy Knoll to serve milk/juice to your child at lunch time, please enclose 25 cents for each day your child will receive milk/juice. Place money in an envelope and drop in tuition mailbox, or include with tuition. Thank you!

Child's Name _____

Milk/Juice money enclosed for month of: (circle one)

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

Amount enclosed \$ _____





TODDLER NEWS

The holiday season is upon us, and we are looking forward to a fun-filled end of the year. During the month of November, we will talk about health and nutrition and the importance of eating healthy foods and snacks. We will also focus on our families and how much we love them.

Many thanks for your donations of photo paper and ink cartridges! We are taking numerous pictures of the children in action during the day and posting them for all to see. A picture really does speak a thousand words!

Please take notice of our "Parent Information Board" located by the Toddler room door for information. Also be sure to take a minute to view the door itself for pictures of your child. Just a few reminders: ***Please send in a jacket, hat, and mittens for your child. The mornings are very cool when the children go outside to play.** *Please wash all quiet time items weekly. *PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING belonging to your child. *Remember to check your child's extra clothes at the center to be sure they are suitable for the colder weather. Thank you!

WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

MAKING FAMILY TIMES FUN

Holidays and family gatherings go hand in hand.



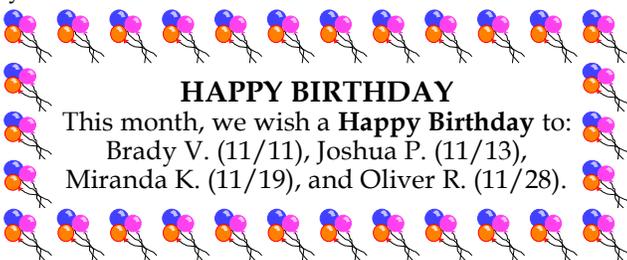
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Preparing for the "Big Event": If you are hosting the family gathering, be sure to get your child involved. Share your ideas for foods and activities, especially for younger family members. On the day of the party, enlist your child as your "assistant" by giving him/her special projects, like setting the kids' table and placing name cards.

Every Picture Tells a Story: Even the youngest child loves to look at pictures of people he/she knows. Go through the family album and name each person. As you are looking at the photos, ask your child, "Who is wearing a funny hat? I see Daddy; do you? Where is he? I see Grandma and Grandpa. Where do they live?" Be sure to talk about relatives your child may not see as often or has never met before, to prepare for their visit. When the gathering comes, instead of being overwhelmed by unfamiliar faces, your child will be able to greet one he or she now knows.

Feeling Good on Party Day: Ensure your child will be in good spirits for the party by setting bedtime a little earlier the night before, and cut down on foods that can affect your child's behavior. Dress him/her in clothing that is appropriate for the occasion, but that he/she will be comfortable in. Big family gatherings can be as stressful as they can be delightful. Preparing your child will help you both to have a better time.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This month, we wish a **Happy Birthday** to:
Brady V. (11/11), Joshua P. (11/13),
Miranda K. (11/19), and Oliver R. (11/28).

WINTER COATS AND CARSEATS: KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE AND WARM from Consumer Reports News

Michelle Tsai Podlaha

With winter close upon us, it's a good time for a reminder of how to safely transport children in the cold weather while still keeping them warm.

As a general rule, winter coats should not be worn underneath the harness of a car seat. A bulky coat under a child seat harness can result in the harness being too loose to be effective in a crash. Here is a simple way to check if your child's coat is too big to wear under their harness, as well as what you can do test if it's too big:

*Put the coat on your child, sit them in the child seat and fasten the harness. Tighten the harness until you can no longer pinch any of the harness webbing with your thumb and forefinger.



*Without loosening the harness, remove your child from the child seat.



*Take the coat off, and put your child back in the child seat and buckle the harness straps, which are still adjusted as they were when he was wearing the coat. If you can now pinch the webbing between your thumb and forefinger, then the coat is too bulky to be worn under the harness.

*If you find that the coat can not be safely worn under the harness, here are a couple things you can do to keep your child safe and warm in his/her child seat.

*After securing your child in his/her child seat, turn the coat around and put it on backward with their arms through the arm holes and the back of the coat acting like a blanket.

*Lay a blanket over your child to keep him/her warm.

One of the most common misuse conditions seen in child seats is that the harness is too loose, and wearing a big winter coat under the harness is just one of the ways that it can happen. It is very important that the harness is tight enough that you can't pinch the webbing between your thumb and forefinger. Extra slack in the harness can be very dangerous; it can lead to too much excursion or even ejection during a crash.

These tips should help keep your precious little ones safe and warm this winter. For more information, go to: <http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/news/2012/12/winter-coats-and-car-seats-keeping-your-child-safe-and-warm/index.htm>



EARLY WRITING

In her article, "Encouraging Preschoolers' Early Writing Efforts: Take Another Look at That Scribble," Leslie Falconer provides these insights:

"If there's one object common to preschools and child care centers the world over, it's pieces of paper covered with looping scribbles made by small hands learning to hold a pencil or crayon. The next time you're cleaning up at the end of a busy day, though, consider taking a closer look at those scribbles. They're actually samples of early writing, and an invitation for you to channel those small hands into recording their new ideas and creative thoughts.... Writing is an extraordinarily complex process for young children. It requires children to formulate personal opinions or ideas and then translate them into written symbols that represent words they use in oral language. Because this process is very demanding on both an emotional and intellectual level, it is important for educators to celebrate the child each time she experiments with writing. Cultivating a child's willingness to express herself through scribbles or inventive spelling will yield benefits in her long-term social, emotional, and intellectual development."

RI BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATION PROGRAM

TELEVISION STATIONS

WLNE-TV/ABC 6	(www.abc6.com)
WJAR-TV/NBC 10	(www.turnto10.com)
WPRI-TV/CBS 12	(www.wpri.com)
CW 28	(www.cw28tv.com)
RI PBS/Channel 36	(www.ripbs.org)
WNAC-FOX	(www.fox64.com)

RADIO STATIONS

FM DIAL:

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- 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)
- 1450 WLKW (www.wnbh.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)

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