



Breezy Knoll Child Care Center  
 311 Stillwater Road  
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 February 2016 Newsletter



**Important Dates:**

Feb. 2 Groundhog Day  
 Feb. 14 Valentine's Day  
 Feb. 15 President's Day  
**BKCCC Closed**



**SNOW CANCELLATIONS**

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**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.**

**Toddler Milestones (Second Year)**

During the second year, toddlers are moving around more, and aware of themselves and their surroundings. Their desire to explore new objects and people also is increasing. During this stage, toddlers will show greater independence; begin to show defiant behavior; recognize themselves in pictures or a mirror; and imitate the behavior of others, especially adults and other children. Toddlers also should be able to recognize the names of familiar people and objects, form simple phrases and sentences, and follow simple instructions and directions.

**Positive Parenting Tips**

- Read to your child daily
- Ask them to find objects for you or name body parts and objects.
- Play matching games with your toddler, like shape sorting and simple puzzles.
- Encourage them to try new things.
- Respond to wanted behaviors (use only very brief time outs). Always tell or show your child what they should do instead.

*<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/index.html>*

**Toddlers (2-3 years of age) Developmental Milestones**

Because children's growing desire to be independent, this stage is often called the "terrible twos." However, this can be an exciting time for parents and toddlers. Toddlers will experience huge thinking, learning, social, and emotional changes that will help them to explore their new world, and make sense of it. During this stage, toddlers should be able to follow two- or three-step directions, sort objects by shape and color, imitate the actions of adults and playmates, and express a wide range of emotions.

**Positive Parenting Tips**

- Set up a special time to read books with your toddler.
- Encourage you child to take part in pretend play.
- Help your child explore things around them by taking them on a walk or wagon ride.
- Play parade or follow the leader with your toddler.
- Encourage your child to tell their name and age.
- Teach your child simple songs like Itsy Bitsy Spider, or other cultural childhood rhymes.
- Give your child attention and praise when they follow instruction and show positive behavior and limit attention for defiant behavior like tantrums. Teach your child acceptable ways to show that they are upset.

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### Preschoolers (3-5 years of age) Developmental Milestones

As children grow into early childhood, their world will begin to open up. They will become more independent and begin to focus more on adults and children outside of the family. They will want to explore and ask about the things around them even more. Their interactions with family and those around them will help to shape their personality and their own way of thinking and moving. During this stage, children should be able to ride a tri-cycle, use safety scissors, notice a difference between girls and boys, help to dress and undress themselves, play with other children, recall a part of a story, and sing a song.

#### Positive Parenting Tips

- Continue to read to your child. Nurture their love for books by taking them to the library or bookstore.
- Let your child help with simple chores.
- Encourage your child to play with other children. This helps them learn the value of sharing and friendship.
- Be clear and consistent when disciplining your child. Explain and show behavior that you expect from them. Whenever you tell your child no, follow up with what they should be doing instead.
- Help your child develop good language skills by speaking to them in complete sentences and using "grown up" words. Help them to use the correct word phrases.
- Help your child through the steps to solve problems when they are upset.
- Give your child a limited number of simple choices (for example, deciding what to wear, when to play, and what to eat for snack).

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### TODDLER/PRESCHOOL/PRE-K/KIND SUMMER AND FALL 2016 REGISTRATION

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

**SUMMER ENROLLMENT:**  YES my child will attend through the SUMMER OF 2016

**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 2016

**FALL ENROLLMENT:**  YES my child will attend through the FALL of 2016

**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 2016

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



#### Optional Lunch Milk

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

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Milk money enclosed for month of (circle one) :

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

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Photo Gallery

