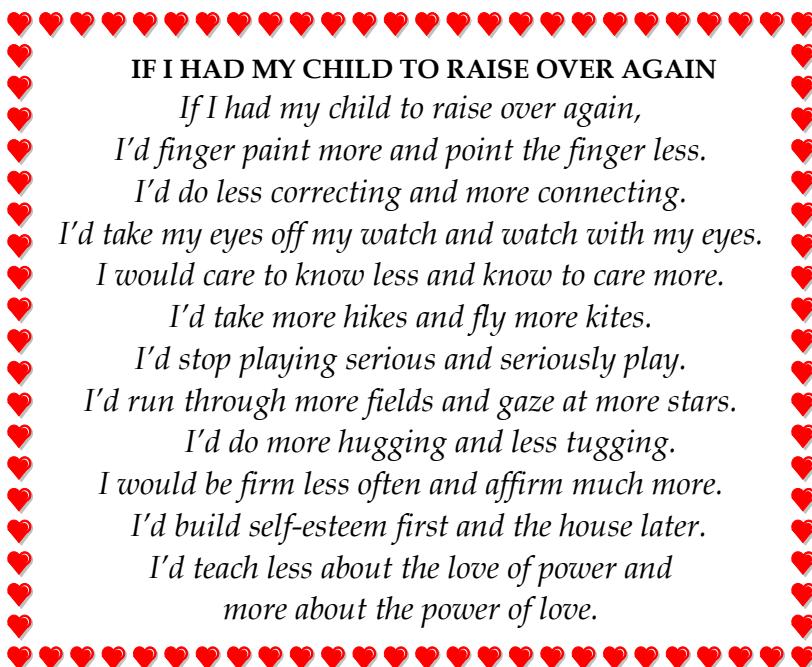


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May 2014 Newsletter



PRESCHOOL NEWS

We anxiously await the arrival of our butterflies to hatch in each of the classrooms! Spring is in the air (finally), and the caterpillars are on their way! This month, some of the goals we will focus on are: to demonstrate an understanding of the meaning of a story, to pursue questions through simple investigations, to investigate changes in materials and cause-effect relationships, activities, and to select a variety of tools to approach tasks. May will be a busy month.



CONFIRMATION SUMMER AND FALL

If you need to change your child's schedule for **summer or fall**, kindly let Jeannette know as soon as possible. Now is the time to reserve the days you need and/or change the days registered in all programs. Thank you!

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 BREEZY KNOLL:

June 16-20	<input type="checkbox"/>	July 22-25	<input type="checkbox"/>
June 22-27	<input type="checkbox"/>	July 28-Aug. 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
June 30-July 4	<input type="checkbox"/> closed Fri. 7/4/14	August 4-8	<input type="checkbox"/>
July 7-11	<input type="checkbox"/>	August 11-15	<input type="checkbox"/> closed Mon. 8/11/14
July 14-18	<input type="checkbox"/>	August 18-22	<input type="checkbox"/> closed Fri. 8/22/14

VEGGIE BOX

Spring is in the air! Connect with the changing tastes of the seasons by treating yourself to a Veggie Box subscription.



Veggie Box is a subscription to fresh, local produce from RI and MA farms. Each box contains 7-9 different types of seasonal produce. Along with each box, participants receive an email newsletter packed with recipes and information.

Support local farms and enjoy a variety of Boxes run biweekly January through June, and weekly (with a biweekly option) from July through December. Boxes cost \$25/week, and payment is made in full for one month at a time. Farm Fresh accepts credit card, check, or EBT/SNAP cards for Veggie Box payment. You can sign up at www.farmfreshri.org/box. Be sure to choose *Breezy Knoll* as your pick-up location. Questions? Contact Jennah at jennahhubbell@gmail.com

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 9, Fri. Bake Sale



May 11, Sun. Happy Mother's Day

May 26, Mon. Memorial Day Breezy closed



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

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Mark your calendars! Kindergarten graduation will be on **Friday evening, June 13**, from 5:45 PM to 6:45 PM. We look forward to your family joining us. **Graduates need to be at school no later than 5:30 pm.** Thank you!

Mother's Day event: May 9, Friday, 10:00-11:00 am.



Dramatic Play Beach



Science/Social Studies Insects Plant life/growth



Math Word problems Measurement Review

Language Arts/Reading Word families/Poems Sight words Guided reading Poetry Writing feelings Insect Research



BAKE SALE

Breezy Knoll will host a bake sale to raise funds for our end of the school year celebration. Last year's bake sale was a huge success, and we are confident that this year will be just as successful.



On Friday, May 9, we will set up a baked goods table in the main room. Please take a minute to stop by the table and sample some goodies. You may find a great dessert for Mother's Day! If you would like to contribute some baked goods for the sale, kindly bring them in either Thursday afternoon, 5/8, or Friday morning, 5/9. We appreciate any help you are able to give us. Some suggestions are: brownies, cookies, breads, and cupcakes, however, any baked goods will be greatly appreciated! Kindly include a list of ingredients for our families who may have issues with allergies. See you at the Bake Sale!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This month, we wish a Happy Birthday to:
Savannah E. (5/10), Jacob S. (5/15), Leo C. (5/26), Zoe Z. (5/28) and Sophia L. (5/31).

HEALTH TIP *from healthychildren.org.*

Sports drinks contain extra calories that children don't need and could contribute to obesity and tooth decay. It's better for children to drink water during and after exercise.

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?"



FUNDRAISER

We thank you for your support in our fundraising efforts. The Breezy Knoll proceeds from the Meadowbrook Farms fundraiser were \$325.00. The money will be used to purchase outdoor equipment for the summer.

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



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.
- When dropping off or picking up your child and you expect to be more than a few minutes, please 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. Thank you!

THE GOOD MOTHER Lynn Shattuck *excerpt from Exchange Magazine 2013*



One of the hardest things for me about being a mom is that I make about 107 little decisions every day, and most of the time, I am totally winging it. Unlike work at a paid job, I don't get regular feedback on how I'm doing. So I think that as moms, we need to tell each other, 'You are such a good mom.' And we need to really hear it when our friends or family says it to us. We all parent differently. We parent from our personalities and from our wounds. From our heads and our hearts. We parent from our unconscious family patterns and from tips on books and blogs. And it is never perfect because we are human and messy, and our kids are human and messy."



TODDLER NEWS

We anxiously await warm, sunny days, blooming flowers, and singing birds. Although it has been very cool, we are enjoying spending more time outside! Just a few reminders:

- Please leave all toys at home. 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!

SCHOOL AGE SUMMER CAMP

Our plans for summer camp are nearly complete and will be sent home soon.

