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NOVEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER



GIVING TREE

This holiday season, Breezy Knoll is 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, (very important!)**. Kindly return the gift to the box near the Giving Tree in the front hall. This program **ends on Friday, December 7th**. All gifts are due by that date to ensure timely delivery to the Welfare Department. We thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

FOOD DRIVE

We will collect *non-perishable* food items to deliver to the Smithfield Welfare Office during the holiday season. Supplies of some particular food items that are usually very low: coffee and tea, cereals, tuna, soups, fruit, cranberry juice, olives, and pickles. In place of perishables, they would like to get gift cards so people can get milk, bread and meat.



The Smithfield Welfare Office is located in the far end of the Smithfield Senior Center, adjacent to Deerfield Park. Donations can be made by contacting calling the office (949-4590 ext. 27). There is a basket in the front hall for your donations. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER



To order scholastic books online, go to <http://pcool.scholastic.com/parentordering/login.jsp>

Class user name: bkccfriends - password: fun2read

Browse, then place your order anytime until the due date.

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.



REMINDERS

- * A registration form for Toddlers/Preschool for summer and fall 2013 is included in this newsletter. Please return the form as soon as possible to reserve placement. Registration forms for our other programs will be sent at a later date. If you need another form, please see Jeannette. Please note **if you plan to include a sibling** in either program. Thanks!
- * Please remember to send in a **jacket, hat and mittens** for your child. The mornings are very cool when the children go outside to play. We will play outdoors daily, weather permitting. 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. We ask that it be a complete set of clothes, including underwear and socks. Thanks!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon, Nov. 12	BK closed/Veterans Day
Thur, Nov. 22	Thanksgiving Holiday
Fri, Nov. 23	Breezy Knoll Closed for holiday



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.



FOOD AT THE CENTER

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

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. 12, Thursday, Nov. 22 AND Friday, Nov. 23.

Science/Social Studies

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



Literacy

Poetry
Continue alphabet books
Reading groups
Signing in with last names
Beginning/ending sounds
Author, Illustrator,
Character, 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



FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES—RIELS

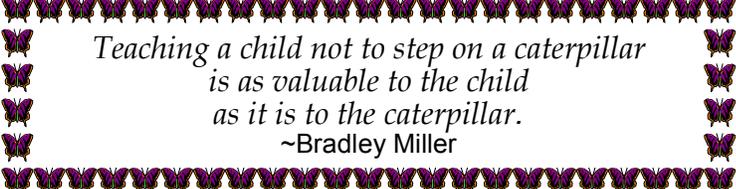
Developing a Sense of Responsibility

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. But the general excitement and the large numbers of people and strange faces can also overwhelm preschoolers. Here are some suggestions for helping your child become familiar with family members before they visit for a holiday, and tips for making large family events easier on a young child.



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.

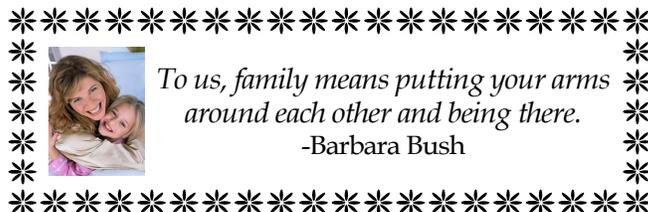
Every Picture Tells a Story: Even the youngest child loves to look at pictures of people he/she knows. Go through the family album and name each person. As you are looking at the photos, ask your child, "Who is wearing a funny hat? I see Daddy; do you? Where is he? I see Grandma and Grandpa. Where do 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:
Emerson G. (11/5), Ella N. (11/7), Raven B. and
Kenneth R. (11/9), Joshua P. (11/13),
Samuel V. (11/21),
Brooke B. and Jack S. (11/25),
and Oliver R. (11/28).



To us, family means putting your arms around each other and being there.

-Barbara Bush

HELPING YOUR CHILD LEARN TO READ

from HealthyKids.org

Reading books aloud is one of the best ways you can help your child learn to read. This can be fun for you, too. The more excitement you show when you read a book, the more your child will enjoy it. The most important thing to remember is to let your child set her own pace and have fun at whatever she is doing. Do the following when reading to your child:



- *Run your finger under the words as you read to show your child that the print carries the story.
- *Use funny voices and animal noises. Do not be afraid to ham it up! This will help your child get excited about the story.
- *Stop to look at the pictures; ask your child to name things she sees in the pictures. Talk about how the pictures relate to the story.
- *Invite your child to join in whenever there is a repeated phrase in the text.
- *Show your child how events in the book are similar to events in your child's life.
- *If your child asks a question, stop and answer it. The book may help your child express her thoughts and solve her own problems.
- *Keep reading to your child even after she learns to read. A child can listen and understand more difficult stories than she can read on her own.



SONGS AND FINGERPLAYS

The Shape Up Song

(tune: Farmer in the Dell)
 We're jumping up and down.
 We're jumping up and down.
 We're getting lots of exercise
 We're jumping up and down.

Other actions:
 We bend and touch our toes...
 We kick or legs up high...
 We jog around the room...
 We wiggle our whole body...



Five Little Turkeys

(tune: Five Little Pumpkins)
 Five little turkeys, sitting on the fence.
 The first one said, "Oh, my, I'm so immense!"
 The second one said, "I can gobble at you."
 The third one said, "I can gobble, too."
 The fourth one said, "I can spread my tail."
 The fifth one said, "Don't catch it on a nail!"
 The farmer came along and stopped to say,
 "Turkeys are best on Thanksgiving Day!"

The Growing Song

(tune: Frere Jacques)
 We need food and we need water.
 We need sleep, lots of sleep.
 To help our bodies grow
 From our heads down to our toes.
 Grow, grow, grow; grow, grow, grow.



We Eat Turkey

(tune: Frere Jacques)
 We eat turkey, we eat turkey.
 Oh, so good, oh, so good.
 Always on Thanksgiving,
 Always on thanksgiving.
 Yum, yum, yum!
 Yum, yum, yum!



Grandma's Glasses

Here are Grandma's glasses.
 Here is Grandma's hat.
 This is the way she folds her hands
 And puts them in her lap.
 Here are Grandpa's glasses.
 Here is Grandpa's hat.
 This is the way he folds his arms just like that!

Hand Washing Song

(tune: Wheels on the Bus)
 The soap on your hands goes
 Sud, sud, sud.
 Sud, sud, sud.
 Sud, sud, sud.
 The soap on your hands goes
 Sud, sud, sud.
 And the germs go down the drain.



You Are My Family

(tune: You Are My Sunshine)
 You are my family, my special family.
 You take care of me every day.
 It's so much fun when we're together.
 We love to sing, to laugh, and to play.



You are my family, my special family.
 We help each other in every way.
 When Mom is cooking, Dad is cleaning.
 I like to help them every way.



Turkey in the Farmyard

Turkey in the farmyard (Hold up open hand.)
 Strut happily. (Wave hand.)
 Show all your feathers. (Wiggle fingers.)
 Bright as can be.
 Gobble, gobble, turkey. (Wiggle thumb.)
 Such a sight to see!

Turkey Trot

(tune: Hokey Pokey)
 You put your right wing in,
 You put your right wing out.
 You put your right wing in
 And flutter it all about!
 You do the turkey trot and
 You turn yourself around.
 That's what it's all about!



RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

Q: Who isn't hungry on Thanksgiving?
 A: The turkey, because he's already stuffed!

KIDS' QUOTES

During quiet time, a preschool child, who had been resting, began to cry. When a teacher comforted her and asked why she was upset, the child replied, "I do believe my ears have stopped growing!" In our 24 years, that is a first! Fortunately, the teacher was able to convince the child that her ears are indeed growing every day just the way they should!



Another preschooler was leaving just after playing outside. His clothing was covered in wood chips and dirt. Mom remarked, "You're covered in fun today!" We agree :-)

BOOKS TO ENJOY

Some books to enhance math skills are:



- Math in the Bath by Sara Atherlay
- A Chair for My Mother by Vera Williams
- Math in the Bath by Sara Atherlay
- The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins
- Ten Black Dots by Donald Crews
- Mouse Shapes by Ellen Stoll Walsh
- Feast For Ten by Cathryn Falwell
- When A Line Bends, a Shape Begins by Rhonda Gowler

TODDLER AND PRESCHOOL SUMMER AND FALL 2013 REGISTRATION

Child's Name _____ Birth date _____

SUMMER ENROLLMENT: YES my child will attend through the SUMMER OF 2013

Program: TODDLER PRESCHOOL: Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri HALF FULL
 NO my child will NOT attend during the SUMMER of 2013

FALL ENROLLMENT: YES my child will attend through the FALL of 2013

Program: TODDLER PRESCHOOL: Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri HALF FULL
 NO my child will NOT attend during the FALL of 2013

Signed _____

Date _____

Rhode Island 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:

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)
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)
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