



Breezy Knoll Child Care Center

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NOVEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER



GIVING TREE

This holiday season, Breezy Knoll is working with both the Smithfield Welfare Department and Family Resources Community Action in Woonsocket in their Adopt-a-Family programs. We will provide gifts for a Christmas for two families. 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!)**, then return it to the box in the front hall. This program **ends on Friday, December 9**. All gifts are due by that date to ensure timely delivery to the Welfare Department and Family Resources. We thank you on 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 are 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.

BLOOD DRIVE

Next Blood Drive - 11/16/11 from 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Before picking your child up on that day, why not make a blood donation? Please see April with any questions.



REMINDERS

- * A registration form for Toddlers/Preschool for summer and fall 2012 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 as long as the temperature is 32 degrees. It would be **very** helpful if your child had an extra pair of mittens or two, as they are easily misplaced.
- * Please note that there will be a slight increase in tuition fees beginning January 3, 2012. You will be provided with a fee sheet as soon as possible.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER



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

Class user name: bkcccfriends - 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.



FAMILY TIME: Children enjoy spending time with their family.

- * 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri, Nov. 11	BK closed/Veterans Day
Thur, Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Holiday
Fri, Nov. 25	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.

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 its 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, especially 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 Friday, Nov. 11, Thursday, Nov. 24 AND Friday, Nov. 25.

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
Mouse Shapes
When a Line Bends, a



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



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.

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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!



WELCOME

We welcome Sarah Fortin to our staff as School Age Coordinator for the After School Program. Sarah has implemented many fun activities for the children and has many more planned!

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 of the month your child will receive milk/juice. Place money in an envelope and drop in the mailbox over sign in book

In the front hall. Thanks.

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 remember to 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 REMEMBER TO 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.

We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

MAKING FAMILY TIMES FUN



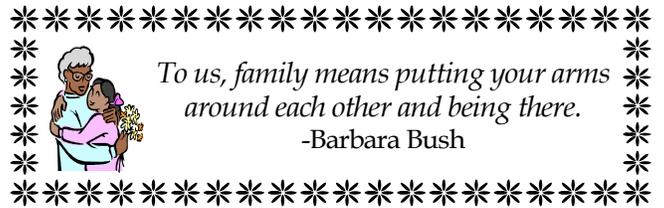
Holidays and family gatherings go hand in hand. But the general excitement and the large numbers of people and strange faces can also overwhelm preschoolers. Here are some suggestions for helping your child become familiar with family members before they visit for a holiday, and tips for making large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



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

-Barbara Bush

PARENT TIP OF THE MONTH

From Family Communication for Early Childhood Programs

Children getting dressed on time in the morning can be a real challenge for many of us, but it is particularly difficult for young children who have to contend with buttons, zippers, and shoelaces, when their fine motor skills are still developing.



When trying to get ready to leave the house at a certain time, parents will probably need to help young children with the dressing process. Preschool children want to be independent, but get easily frustrated when the buttons won't do what they want them to do, or the zipper will not cooperate. This frustration leads to a stressful morning.

Helping children learn to button buttons, to zip zippers, and to tie shoes is best done during less stressful times. Concentrate on one skill at a time. Work together and assure children that they will be able to do this with practice. As a parent, you may want to consider shoes with Velcro fasteners, as well as other clothing items that young children can manage more easily as these skills are developing.



Learning to control hands and fingers according to information received from sight is a coordination skill that will aid children in early attempts of reading and writing.

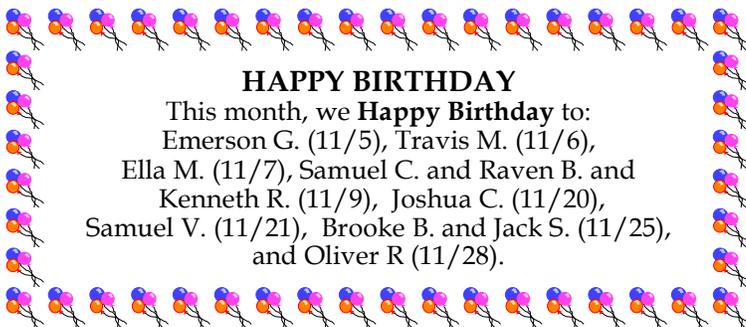
We adults can provide many different opportunities for children to develop these skill. Dressing and undressing dolls and dramatic play with clothes that have buttons and zippers are good for practice. Activities such as shaping playdough, stringing beads, and placing pegs into pegboards also enhance the fine motor skills needed for dressing.



With appropriate experiences, your child will gradually master all the intricacies of dressing.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This month, we **Happy Birthday** to:
Emerson G. (11/5), Travis M. (11/6),
Ella M. (11/7), Samuel C. and Raven B. and
Kenneth R. (11/9), Joshua C. (11/20),
Samuel V. (11/21), Brooke B. and Jack S. (11/25),
and Oliver R (11/28).



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 our legs up high...

We jog around the



The More We Are Together

The more we are together, together, together,
The more we are together, the happier we'll be.
For it's (child's name) and (child's name)
And (child's name) and (child's name).
The more we get together, the happier we'll be!



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.

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!



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!

Five Little Turkeys

(Tune: 5 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!"

RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

Q: What did one math book
say to the other?
A: I've got problems!



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.



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.



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!

KIDS' QUOTES



Teacher to a Kindergartener during lunch.

T: "You need to eat at least half of your sandwich before your snacks."

C: No, My Dad says I have to eat all of it. T: "Well, OK.. Dad's the boss." C: No! Mom's the boss. She yells the loudest!

A child in the Honeybees group was leaving with his mother just after playing outside. He was covered in wood chips and dirt. Mom remarked, "You're covered in fun today!" Great way to look at that situation! Thanks, Mom!

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

When a Line Bends, a Shape Begins by Rhonda Gowler

TODDLER/PRESCHOOL SUMMER AND FALL 2012 REGISTRATION

Child's Name _____

Birth date _____

SUMMER ENROLLMENT: YES my child will attend through the SUMMER OF 2012

NO my child will NOT attend during the SUMMER of 2012

Program: TODDLER PRESCHOOL Days: Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri HALF FULL

FALL ENROLLMENT: YES my child will attend through the FALL of 2012

NO my child will NOT attend during the FALL of 2012

Program: TODDLER PRESCHOOL Days: Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri HALF FULL

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)
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