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*Enjoy your
child's steps to
independence.*



Kids need to be protected from the Sun. Please remember to put sunscreen on them and reapply every 3-4 hours.

Tracy's Corner Message from the Director

Happy Summer! Our summer here at Building Blocks has gotten off to a great start. The students are having a fun filled summer in a variety of hands on, interactive, summer activities. Hopefully you have all had a chance to go through the summer theme packets that were passed out in June. Did you know most child care centers do not run their preschool programs or lunch programs during the summer? That is what is so exciting about our program at Building Blocks, we provide year around learning and find that our students benefit from continuous learning. Our teachings is hands on. So the children are having fun while they are learning. The summer time is a great time to start transitioning our students so it is not so overwhelming in the fall. We are already looking towards the fall and have started to transition our students into their new classes. This is an exciting time for children and something that they do look forward to.

Wacky Wednesdays and Water Thursdays are kicking off to a great start! A great big thank

you goes out to the parents and families who brought in gifts for our "Un-birthday party". It was great day filled of un-birthday fun. The students really enjoyed exchanging gifts with their friends, practicing their manners, and also enjoyed all of the birthday games such as musical chairs, Pin the tail on the donkey, and the "candy monster piña". What great fun it was to see the students trying to break open the piñata'.



The students also had fun on their first water fun Thursday. Please make sure all children 2 ½ and older have their bathing suits, towels, and water shoes. Also, please make sure your child's things are labeled with their names. It has been a great experience watching all of the wonderful changes

that have been brought to our center over the last 22 months We are continually enhancing our program and making physical building improvements. We are in the process of upgrading the playground and the Big Room. The children have really been enjoying the new mulch on the playground; we will be adding some new flower garden areas for the children to be involved with. We will be replacing the flooring and also painting the big room over the holiday weekend. This is one of the last rooms we have worked on and we are very excited about the improvements to the center. I also would like to thank you for your patience with the computer. We have updated it with new hardware and operating system. Yea!!

This month we will also be launching a new physical activity for all of our families. We want to encourage our students and families to be physically active. Please be sure to read Ms. Jena's article this month to find out more about this great program. I hope you all have a great month of July. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Mrs. Tracy

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General House Keeping Items

HEALTH PHYSICALS

Parents, students are required to have yearly physicals. This is a State of Michigan mandated law. If a child does not have a current physical or is not updated on their shots they may not attend Building Blocks Preschool Daycare. If your child is need of current physical/shots please have them submitted as soon as possible. Mrs. Tracy will inform any parents that may be affected by this.



SICK DAYS

Parents, if your child is running a fever and absent from school, they must be fever free before returning to the center for 24 hours. Also, they should not be showing a rash, vomiting, or diarrhea for 24 hours as well. It is very important that you follow this health policy. It greatly reduces illnesses within the center for staff and children.

Snack Menu

Parents, please don't forget to bring in snack on your child's day. The children really enjoy passing out their snack to their friends. It promotes our philosophy of sharing and is enjoyed by all. If you do not bring in snack your account will be charged a \$10.00 fee. You may bring in a gallon of milk or juice, and fresh fruit, crackers and juice, yogurt, or any healthy snack choice.



What is Wacky Wednesday and Water fun Thursday?

Part of the centers fun will be Wacky Wednesday's. A celebration of the Wacky and Wonderful. All age groups will be able to participate in the fun.

July 5 Pop Goes the Bubble!

Wacky Wednesday- Yee Ha Hoe down fun **July 10 Beach Week**

Wacky Wednesday- Splash Bash "let's go surfing"

July 17 "Adventures of the BIG Blue Sea" Mermaids and Pirates

Wacky Wednesday- "Scavenger Hunt"

July 24 The secrets of King TUT

Wacky Wednesday- Walk like an Egyptian

July 31 Grossology-It's slimy,

sticky, and just plain fun!

Wacky Wednesday- Lets get slimed **WATER FUN THURSDAYS** is for children for young preschool, preschool and camp kids. Please send a bathing suit, water shoes and towel weekly for Thursday's.



Happy July! What an exciting time for me and the students at Building Blocks this summer. I am so excited to be back as their teacher and I am looking forward to a summer full of high energy and fun. As some of you many know, I am currently majoring in elementary physical education at Central Michigan University. I am also on the school's Track team and I compete in the pole vault. Needless to say physical education is very important to me and I want to encourage all of our students and families at the center to be more involved. Did you know that 83% of children under

Ms. Jena Camp Wahissa

the age of 7 spend 2 or more hours a day involved in activities such as Television, computers, or other electronic devices? We are encouraging students and families to spend it least 2 hours a week involved in physical activity's such as walking, running, swimming, jumping, or just plain old fashion fun outside. There will be physical logs available at the front parent board and we will like to add your child and families names to our physical chain. Let's see how big we can make it! Not only are we focusing on great physical activities, we are also working on great science, art & craft, math, and literacy projects. Our



Camp program is educational and we tie in fun and exciting ways for the children to expand upon their reading and writing skills. Every day our camp kids are reviewing reading, writing, science and math concepts. The kids love their Author's Journal. We read a story out loud and they summarize or recreate a story. They can be authors of their own story. The kids think this is so cool because they get to be the author, sit in the Author's chair and tell their story. If you have any questions, please let me know!
Ms. Jena

Mrs. Nicole's Baby Dolls

As some of you may have noticed Mrs. Nicole has not been at the center. Mrs. Nicole has started her maternity leave early and will be returning back in October. The Infant Toddlers room will be in the hands of Mrs. Janet, Ms. Danielle, Ms. Donna, and Ms. Amanda. The children will continue to work

on a variety of projects pertaining to our weekly themes and will also have fun enjoying the great outdoors. Our friends have really been having a great time during their outside time. In fact Makenzie has become a great mountain climber, climbing our mulch mountain also known as Mt. Block. Alivia and Abby have been enjoying swinging on the swings outside, they

love their outside time. Kennedy has been getting upon her feet more and more. Take a look around the room to find your child's artwork on the wall. Please make sure to have sunscreen for your child and a change of summer clothes in their cubby. Thank you!



Mrs. Janet's Toddler Tidbits



Danielle, Lindsey, Genna, and Karissa love to paint. They take their time and can't be rushed. So they will be doing a lot of painting but we will experiment with all kinds of different tools to paint with besides a paint brush. Sponges, fingers, cookie

cutters, corks, and kitchen utensils just to name a few. We will discover things to paint with that we have never tried before. Their next favorite thing to do is "Ring around the rosy". They practice it over and over again. We have been enjoying the literacy room a lot lately. They enjoy

playing on the balance beam, the boat/bridge using the hopping sacks, and playing with the parachute and of course dancing to the wiggles. They really feel big playing in the different rooms; we will also start exploring the big room soon. Mrs. Janet



What an exciting summer this has gotten off too! The weather has been beautiful and the students have really been enjoying our little mountain in the playground. We have been recently transitioning our students into their new classes to prepare for

Mrs. Mary's Marvels



the fall. I have been enjoying having Hunter, Kailee, Cael, and Nathan transition into my young preschool class. The students love their Thursday water fun days! Please make sure your child has their name on their bathing suits and towels. If at all

possible please make sure they have water shoes as well. The students really enjoyed our recent butterfly habitat. What a wonderful opportunity for the students to learn about the lifecycle of a butterfly. We have a great month of July to look forward to! Mrs. Mary



Yeah! Sweet summer time is here and we are loving every minute of it here at Building Blocks. Thank you all who attended our first graduation ceremony. I loved showing off your children to you. We are so proud and delighted to have been and continue to be a part of your children's growth and development. I know the children are ready for some new challenges and most of them will be in Ms. Jena's summer camp this summer. It will be a great time for them and they will enjoy being the big kids that they are! We have been going through and starting the transitions of our classes so the stu-

Ms. Wendy's Newsbits



dents will be ready for the fall. I have the great fortune of having some new friends in my class. The young preschool students have moved up to my class and it is great to start forming a stronger relationship with them. It will make the transition easier. I would like to welcome Alex. W, David, Peter, Jordyn H., Emma, Mikayla and Elizabeth. We have been involved with some very exciting activities at the center lately. Our lemonade stand was a HUGE success and such fun to put on. The children had so much being involved with the whole process from start to finish. They helped create the signs, make the beverages, and

also helped in collecting the money. This was a great activity that incorporated math and literacy skills. We earned \$15.15 and the children decided to spend the money on purchasing ice cream for the whole center. We will have another sale later in the month. The un-birthday party was also a great day for the students. The students showed great manners in the gift giving process and really enjoyed all of the games and activities throughout the day. We have a lot of exciting things to look forward to this month! Let's have a great summer!
Ms. Wendy



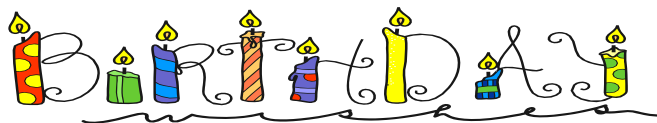
Welcome Ms. Amanda



We would like to introduce our newest staff member at Building Blocks, Ms. Amanda. Ms. Amanda comes to us highly recommended and with a vast amount of child care experience. She has received her associate's degree in early

childhood development from the Professional Institute of Development and has previously worked at ChildTime child care center as a primary infant teacher and also as a preschool teacher. We are so excited to have her as a part of

our Building Blocks Team. In her spare time Amanda enjoys scrap booking, fishing, and enjoying the great outdoors.
A BIG Welcome Amanda to the Building Blocks family!



Happy Birthday To You!!

Student-Quinn Marchie- July 13

Staff- Mrs. Tracy- July 28

Building Blocks Project Butterfly's



The students have had the great opportunity to be great Explorer's. They learn and watch the lifecycle of a butterfly. Our June program had 2 weeks of Bugs. For this project we purchased a great activity that showed the children the lifespan of a butterfly from caterpillar to chrysalis to actual butterfly. The butterflies started out as caterpillars in Mrs. Tracy's office, although Mrs. Tracy was not a fan of the caterpillars at first. The caterpillars took several days to turn into chrysalises or cocoons; they were in this stage for several more days

before turning into 5 beautiful butterflies. The children then had the opportunity to name their butterfly friends, their names were Princess, Drinker, Cody, Knoshie, and Chrysalis. The children were able to feed their friends sugar water and watch them get bigger. It was a sad but exciting day the day they were let go and released outside. All the children had the experience of seeing them up close and in its own outdoor environment. Not to worry though the butterflies will love the flowers that are planted around the center and we will watch for our friend's everyday. What FUN!



Enrollment-July and August Earn \$ 160.00 back on Tuition Special Promotion Tell Your Friend's About Us!!

We have a few enrollment spaces available for the Fall and if you know of anyone looking for care, please recommend us. For the month of July and August we will be more than happy to give you \$160 off your weekly tuition for every referral that signs up for Full Time. And for 3 day part-time enrollment will give a \$50.00 off your weekly tuition referral . This will be reimbursed off of your tuition on the third week of the new families enrollment.



"We offer a high quality program and we are very excited about all the great things the children are doing here . We are looking for a few new friends to share it with. " Mrs. Tracy

This is a special promotion for July and August. The more that you refer and sign up the greater the savings you will receive. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Tracy.

America the Beautiful

Did you know?

That four year olds are instinctively helpers and that if you ask for their help consistently rather than demand it that you will have a better chance of teaching them to be "good" helpers in the future.