

# BUILDING BLOCKS CHRONICLE



## Emily's Corner Message from the Director

Wow, even though February only had 28 days they sure were busy ones. Staff changes, rate increases, interviews, a fun filled Friday night with the top sellers from the fundraiser, a visit from a dental hygienist, the Valentine's Day party, new families, three new children, and three new staff members, CPR and First Aid training for all staff, and to top it all off a successful Sate Licensing renewal inspection on the 28th!!!

Now it's on to March...  
READING MONTH!!! Our

center wide goal for this month is to read 400 books. Each family will receive a reading log to track the books they read together at home. If we reach our goal and I know we will, we'll have a pizza party !!! On Friday, March 31 the center will be closed for an in-service day for teachers. The teachers will use this time to participate in trainings for licensure, collaborate and plan with each other, and get organized. So many exciting activities and learning experiences are

happening around the center this month. Be sure to check out your child's age groups Weekly Development Plan posted through out the center. The teachers are working hard to tailor the weekly themes around their specific age groups developmental age and interests.

As always I am here for you, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.  
Ms. Emily



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**\*\*Dates To Remember\*\***

- **Parent Advisory Meeting - Wed. March 21**
- **Teacher In-service Friday, March 31**
- **School Closed**
- **Egg Hunt - April 7**



## Building Blocks Staff Update



There have been changes in our staff during the past month. We said goodbye to Ms. Amanda at the start of the month and after several interviews we have welcomed four new staff members!

Ms. Laura is our new Infant Lead Teacher and will be working Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. She comes to us with five years experience in before and after school care for the Huron Valley School District and is currently enrolled at Oakland Community College for her third year in Early Childhood Education.

Ms. Linda is another addition to our Infant/Toddler room and will be working with our older toddlers in the afternoons Monday thru Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Linda is new to the child care field but comes to us with lots of energy and excitement. Linda has three daughters of her own, a three year old granddaughter, and her second grandchild on the way.

Ms. Wendy does a awesome job with the Young

Toddlers doing many creative activities. Ms. Wendy has been working on potty training too.

Ms. Janet does a wonderful job with our Older Toddlers filling their mornings with art, outdoor play, songs, and large motor activities.

Ms. Jill has transitioned from working with the preschoolers to the infant/toddler room and will be taking a 16-hour Basic Child Care course this month.

Ms. Danielle will be working part-time on Wednesday's as she starts a new job this month as a medical assistant. Those toddlers' sure love Ms. Danielle and her silly, fun-loving, and caring personality!

Ms. Mary has done an excellent job taking over the Pre-K program since January and the children are very involved in learning and focusing on social skills.

Ms. Leslie will be our new morning Young w

Preschool teacher and will be starting the week of March 12. Ms. Leslie comes to us with over 20 years of experience and her Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education.

In the afternoons Ms. Nicole provides our Young Preschool with hand-on learning experiences, music and movement activities, language skills and manners at afternoon snack time.

Ms. Andrea is joining our afternoon preschool crew from 3:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. Andrea is a senior at Milford High School and will be attending Eastern Michigan University in the fall and majoring in Education. Andrea has volunteered in several elementary classrooms and participates in the T.I.E. program.

If anyone has any questions or concerns about the recent staff changes please feel free to speak Ms. Emily.



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## General House Keeping Items



### Tuition

Just a friendly reminder that tuition is due on Fridays by 6:00 p.m. A \$20.00 late fee will be posted on Monday to your account if tuition is not received on time. Notices will be placed in your child's folder when a late fee has been applied to your account. If something comes up and your unable to make a payment on time please notify us. Thank you in advance for your coop-

eration.

### Extra Clothes

Please take a minute this month and check your child's supply of extra clothes. Take home any out of season or out grown clothing. Restock if empty. Accidents, spills, and creative art messes do happen.

### Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found box on the porch for any items that may be your child's. It's the blue bin in the cubbies

labeled lost and found.

### Thank You

A special thank-you goes out to the families that have made recent donations to the center. Items like books, toys, potty seats, scrap paper, and art paper are a few of the recent donations!



### The Newest Members of our Building Blocks Family

Pietraszkiewicz Family

Sebree Family

Chambers Family



Day Light Saving March 11, 2007



### Parent Advisory Council Members

Please join us on Wednesday, March 21 at 6:00pm for an informal meeting to discuss the formation of a parent group here at Building Blocks!



Annual Easter Egg Hunt  
Saturday, April 7 at 10:00am



Teacher In-Service- Center is  
closed on Friday, March 31, 2007

## Summer Young at Art Creative Arts Camp at Building Blocks

It's time to start thinking about Summer Camp!!! Building Blocks has a fun filled Arts Summer Program. We will have full day program and Tuesday/Wed/Thursday Morning program. For current enrolled families of children that are going into the first grade or higher will be at a discounted weekly rate of \$165.00, Second child in camp program weekly rate will be \$150.00, this is including lunch. So you don't have worry about packing a lunch. LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE.

Your child will...

- Build self-esteem through pride in their accomplishments and the positive reinforcement for teachers.
- Express their ideas, feelings and dreams.
- Explore a variety of media including clay, painting, drawing, sculpture, wire, print making, photography and more
- Learn about artists, past and present from all corners of the globe
- Create the most awesome artworks in a warm and caring environment.

Superhero's Return, Pattern Wizardry, Around the world in 5 days, Back to the future and Reinventing the Masters just to name a few. We will be having our Water fun days and our Wacky Wednesdays, too. This summer camp program for school age children ages 6-10. Small Class size ratio of 1:12. Choose a few weeks or a full summer for your budding artist who will get a creative charge out of stimulating activities every day! See Ms. Emily about registration or more info.



## Infant and Young Toddler Newsflash



We're having so much in the baby room! We have a new friend, Madelyn (10 months) We are so glad you're here!!!

Emily and Gwendolyn are growing bigger each and everyday. Amelia is walking (YEAH!) and Ethan is climbing (OH NO!) Kennedy, Megan, and Alex all started potty

training. They especially enjoy hand washing!

Speaking of hand washing we have tripled our efforts in that area to help fight those cold bugs.

We have been exploring play dough and exploring the literacy room for dancing, block building, parachute play, ball play, and the balance beam.

As always if you ever have a question or concern please feel free to ask the baby room teachers.

Ms. Wendy, Ms. Janet, Ms. Laura, Ms. Jill, and Ms. Linda



## Mrs. Janet's Toddler Tidbits

We want to welcome Samantha and Alex to our class. We're so excited to have you with us. The toddlers are so happy to be getting outside more. Please keep bringing in snow pants and boots even after the snow finally melts it really gets muddy on the

playground. We are going to have a lot of fun working on the pets theme this month. The song of the month will be B-I-N-G-O. Look for your copy in your parent file. We'll also be learning a lot about foods how they affect our

bodies and learn some exercises too!

Ms. Janet



It's go, go, go for our young preschoolers these days. The children have there favorite activities in each room and are typically engaging in them every day. In the literacy room Karissa loves to sing and dance along to the chicken dance song at least twice a day if not more! At meals and snack times in the kitchen the children have be-

come quite skilled at serving themselves and Kailee now serves herself at home! Owen and Danielle are keeping their pull-up's dry and using the potty and the sink to wash hands in the bathroom! Skylar has enjoyed our dramatic play area and the different weekly set-ups! Katelynn has settled in and really enjoys art activities! Hunter enjoys a vari-

ety of activities but gets a real kick out of the balls in the literacy room...we might have a future soccer star on our hands! Lindsey hops right on the computer in the big room and seems to know just what to do! We're looking forward to another month of learning!

Ms. Emily and Ms. Nicole



## Young Preschool Marvels

## Ms. Mary's Pre-K Scientists



March is here! What fun we had in February. We did lots of science this month - mixing colors and potions. The kids really had fun making their own individual bags of play dough and choosing a different mix of food coloring and scent to get their very own color and smell. (Be on the lookout for a new picture board.)

We have been work-

ing hard on making friends with all of the children in our class, and working on helping friends with their snow clothes - Peter is always a good helper for Elizabeth and David!

Our job board has been exciting! We added a new job this month, door holder and next month we may be adding the fish feeder! Our goldfish bowl is beginning to fill with pebbles. As soon as we transfer all of the pebbles from the box to the bowl we will be getting a goldfish or maybe two! The

children work very hard at earning pebbles and they are always proud to drop them in the bowl. Keep a look out for our fish!

Ms. Mary



  
**Happy Birthday To You!**

**March Birthday's**

**Karissa** ~ March 3rd      **Katelynn** ~ March 6th  
Staff- **Ms. Mary** ~ March 2nd    **Ms. Laura** ~ March 12th      **Ms. Nicole** ~ March 25th

**Song of the Month**

**B-I-N-G-O**

There was a farmer had a dog,  
and Bingo was his name-o.  
B-I-N-G-O!  
B-I-N-G-O!  
B-I-N-G-O!  
And Bingo was his name-o!  
There was a farmer had a dog,  
and Bingo was his name-o.  
(Clap)-I-N-G-O!  
(Clap)-I-N-G-O!  
(Clap)-I-N-G-O!  
And Bingo was his name-o!  
There was a farmer had a dog,  
and Bingo was his name-o.  
(Clap, clap)-N-G-O!  
(Clap, clap)-N-G-O!  
(Clap, clap)-N-G-O!  
and Bingo was his name-o!  
There was a farmer had a dog,  
and Bingo was his name-o.  
(Clap, clap, clap)-G-O!  
(Clap, clap, clap)-G-O!  
(Clap, clap, clap)-G-O!  
and Bingo was his name-o!  
There was a farmer had a dog,  
and Bingo was his name-o.  
(Clap, clap, clap, clap)-O!  
(Clap, clap, clap, clap)-O!  
(Clap, clap, clap, clap)-O!  
And Bingo was his name-o!  
There was a farmer had a dog,  
and Bingo was his name-o.  
(Clap, clap, clap, clap, clap)  
(Clap, clap, clap, clap, clap)  
(Clap, clap, clap, clap, clap)  
And Bingo was his name-o!

**Tell Your Friends About Us!!**

We offer children the opportunity to explore new ideas, practice making choices, feel competent and in control, interact with others and fine tune new skills.



We are looking for a few new friends to play with here at Building Blocks. We are very excited about all the great things the children are doing here and looking for friends to share it with. We have enrollment spaces available and if you know of anyone looking for care, please recommend us. We will be more than happy to give you \$50 off one weeks tuition for every referral that

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signs up for a minimum of 3 part time days. If you need more information please see Ms. Emily.

**A Dental Hygienist Visits Building Blocks  
from Dr. Carol Wilkop's, DDS Office**



The children listened to special story about the importance of brushing your teeth



The older toddlers and young preschoolers watch as the dental hygienist brushes a stuffed animals teeth.

**Valentine's Day Party**

A special thank you to our families that joined us for our Valentine's Day Party and to those who shared yummy treats with us!

