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**Dates to remember

Picture Day- Nov. 7
Holiday Closings-
Please make a note on your upcoming calendars. Building Blocks will close on November 23&24, 2006 and on December 25, 2006 and January 1, 2007.

Emily's Corner Message from the Director

I've made it through my first month as director! It has been nice getting to meet all of the families during drop-off and pick-up times. The staff have been very supportive and helpful. The children welcomed me with open arms and I've enjoyed spending time in their classrooms! My first month sure was busy! The Highland Fire Department visited us at the beginning of the month. The children enjoyed seeing a fire-fighters get dressed up in all his gear and the

trip outside to the truck was so much fun! The children made pictures and helped bake cookies for the fire department! Our Open House was on October 17, and I would like to thank all the families that took time out of their busy schedules to join us! It is always great to have that one-on-one interaction with our families. Truck-Or-Treat was a blast and there were some great costumes! We enjoyed our special "Pajama Day" on Halloween. It was a very ex-

pecting day filled up special activities and treats to take home! I'm looking forward to what November as in store! Please remember that I'm usually available anytime during the day. Feel free to call from work if you have something to speak with me about. I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Mrs. Emily

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

TRICK OR TREAT Building Blocks first annual Truck-or-Treat party was a huge success even though the weather did not allow us to be outside. The children came all dressed up in costumes along with their families! The children enjoyed seeing their teachers dressed up too. Food, Food, Food. A very special thank you goes out to all parents who brought in passing dishes, tasty deserts,

and made donations for pizza! We really had a lot of yummy foods! Each child received a trick-or-treat pumpkin and made their way around Halloween decorated tables in the big room. Each table had a different treat and we heard lots of thank-you's from the children. Ms. Wendy shared a spooky story in the dark with only the light of a flashlight in the literacy room. We laughed and made scary faces while the story

was read. Ms. Amanda had an art activity in the infant room and several parents got involved in that project. Everyone had wonderful comments to share and it is great to get people together and have a good time! We will defiantly be planning this event for next year! Hopefully with some nicer weather we can have it outside in the parking lot!



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General House Keeping Items

Late Fees– The \$20.00 late fee will be applied to your account if tuition is not received on time. Tuition is due on Fridays by 6:00 p.m. Notices will be placed in your child's folder when a late fee has been applied to your account. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Illnesses-

As stated in our parent handbook it is our duty to provide safe childcare for all children enrolled. If a child exhibits certain symptoms of illness, you will be contacted and your child will not be allowed to attend in order to avoid spreading the illness. We have the best interest of all the children enrolled and our staff in mind when making these decisions.

Parents please remember to keep communication open with your child's teacher or another staff member at drop-off if you have noticed any out of the ordinary health symptoms or behavior changes in your child.

We cannot guarantee that we will be able to fully contain or prevent the spread of illness. Staff members are continually sanitizing toys

and surface areas. It is important to remember that hand-washing is the best defense against the spread of illness.

Checking-In and Checking-Out

Please remember to use the computer each and everyday when dropping-off and picking-up your child. It is important that we keep accurate record of attendance. Thanks.

Monthly Snack

Please check the monthly calendar posted on the communication board in the front room in case your snack day has changed. If you have any questions, please ask a staff member. Please bring in enough healthy snacks for 12 students which would include snack and juice or milk. If you do not bring in snack your account will be charged a \$10.00 snack fee.

Schedule Changes

Please let us know of any schedule changes you may need to make for your child. A two week notice is required. All schedules must be in writing. Please let the staff know of your child's kindergarten schedules, before and after school, and any other changes that affect their

schedule.

Your Child's Supplies

Parents please make sure to check with staff on the status of your child's diapers, wipes, cereal, and extra weather appropriate changes of clothes. Please bring in any necessary items promptly. We also recommend that parents bring in 2 changes of clothes to store in their nap baskets.

With the colder weather here please make sure your child has a warm coat, hats, gloves, etc. We do go outside everyday weather permitting. Also, please make sure to label your child's name on their clothing items.

Holiday Closings

Building Blocks will close on November 23&24, 2006 and on December 25, 2006 and January 1, 2007. Please notify us if your child will not be in attendance or taking a vacation during the upcoming holiday seasons. This way we can plan for appropriate staff coverage. Please see Ms. Emily if you have any questions.

Scholastic Book Orders



We took a brief break from book orders last month. With

Ms. Mary's help we will continue to work with Scholastic. Look for exciting November book orders in your child file soon!

With the holiday season upon us what could be a better gift than a book! One can never start holiday shopping to soon!



Ms. Amanda's Baby Dolls



Wow, our fall is flying by! We have had so much fun learning about leaves, trees, and apples! We hope you enjoy all of our beautiful artwork. We want to wish Alivia a huge HAPPY BIRTHDAY on the 12th! Also, we are welcoming Emily into our class. We were glad to see all of our friends and family members at

Trunk-or-Treat! Kennedy has been racing around the room and speaking in sentences! We're all so proud of her. Megan has made lots of friends and her sound effects and facial expressions are very cute. Wow, Amelia just loves to pull herself up and stand with her friends. We're sure it won't be long until she's walking. Alex defiantly loves being a boy in a

classroom full of girls and his smile lights up the room. Tyler is rolling all around the room, it's so cute how he notices and smiles when his friends come near! Alivia loves to cook in the kitchen while dancing to music. We're looking forward to having a great November and Happy Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Janet's Toddler Tidbits

The toddlers had great fun last month learning pumpkin and Halloween songs and creating lots of beautiful artwork. Karissa has done a great job getting everyone to sing along.

Genna, Danielle, Lindsey, Mason



In the passing of October, the weather has been very chilly. Time for the winter jackets! Thank-you for remembering gloves and hats. We love to play outside and it's sad when someone is not dressed for outside weather.

We had fun this month sorting, tasting, and counting apples. We cut-up and compared five differ-



We have had an exciting fall so far. The children are doing a great job getting in our classroom routine. I am very pleased at everyone's progress. Socially the children are learning to respect one another and becoming aware of treating their friends the way they want to be treated. They are also doing a good job listening when lessons are being taught. We are continuing working on our letters, we have progressed to the letter "H". They

and Karissa are having a blast dancing in the literacy room.

Mason we're so glad to see you come in smiling!

This month we will learn about being thankful and doing lots of fun

Mrs. Mary's Marvels

ent types of apples. David loved the green one. The whole class did a great job describing the texture and taste using words like: crunchy, soft, sweet, and sour. They really loved tasting all the apples.

We have been working on social skills (how to be kind to a friend, being helpful, using good manners)



Make sure you check out our "caring tree" in the big room. Next month this will become our "thank-full tree". Watch for your child's leaf!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Mary

Ms. Jackie's Preschool



are defiantly connecting the letters with the sounds they represent, we review this several times a week. We will be adding more words to our word wall. The children are making their own flash cards and we play games and have fun while reviewing the words.

We made several fun art projects and have learned some new songs.

Basic math and science is a part of our weekly program. We have

fun with the snap blocks and the children are counting well and beginning to understand the concept of adding and subtracting.

We had an exciting day when we had a visit with a firefighter and talked about safety.

We will continue having fun projects. Everyone is well adjusted having fun and learning many things.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Jackie

Welcome Back Mrs. Nicole

We would like to welcome back Ms. Nicole to Building Blocks after the birth of her daughter Emily.

Mrs. Nicole will work with our

toddlers in the afternoon. Mrs. Nicole's son Cameron is also excited to re-join all of his friends in the preschool classroom!

Enjoying the
change
of
seasons

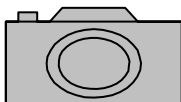


Happy Birthday to You!!!

November Birthdays

Alivia Waldowski— November 12

Picture Day



We will once again be working with Life Touch Photography to have the student's pictures taken for the holidays. We have had great success with them in the past. They are the photographers that work with the Huron Valley School District for their students pictures. What a great company to have work with us.

Our picture day is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 2006 starting at 9:00 am. They will once again be offering a choice of holiday or traditional portraits to choose from. Information sheets were

passed out on Tuesday, October 21 in your child's folder. We ask that students come in with a extra set of clothes so their dress up clothes do not become dirty or soiled. We will make very effort to have your child ready to go with a beautiful smiling face. We are very pleased to work with Life Touch Photography. They have a wonderful way to help make the child comfortable in front of the camera and they offer very affordable picture packages. Please let Emily know if you have any questions.

Enrollment-Tell you friend's 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 your weekly tuition for every referral that

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signs up for a minimum of 3 part time days. The more that you refer and sign up the greater the savings you will receive! Also, if you have community boards in your place of work we would like to display some of our brochures/flyers. If you could do this please see Emily.



Highland Good Fellows



We will once again be collecting non-perishable canned goods and food items for the Highland Township Fire Department for local families in need in the area. Please help fill the BIG box for

those families who need a little extra help this year.

Thank you for all your support and help. It is always appreciated!