

The Building Blocks Buzz

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

This year, our official first day of school will be August 28th. Annual registration fees will be charged on August 8th. We chose to begin on this day to have a seamless transition with our public school partners. For an updated supply list or a copy of our calendar, please view our website www.buildingblocksnorfolkva.com

As a reminder, some students will be moving classrooms beginning August 28th. We understand that this transition may be scary, but it is also an exciting time. We will post the new class lists on the bulletin board near the front office. **If you have any questions, please speak to the office.**

All returning families MUST fill out an update form regardless of the start date. This annual update form allows us to ensure that all contact information is correct with new USDA forms. As an incentive, all families that return their completed form will receive a free registration for the '23 school year (a savings of \$100).

GETTING READY FOR YOUR NEXT STEP

Over the past year, our Building Blocks Preschool has been implementing a brand-new curriculum called StreamIN3. This Virginia Department of Education approved curriculum uses 5 components to help young children blend academic and social emotional learning. Through our dedicated staff and supportive parents, we have been able to complete one full year of implementation.



During this time, we have been undergoing CLASS (Classroom Assessment Scoring System) where you may have noticed some unfamiliar faces in the classroom. Our goal as a school has always been to improve on the way we teach to ensure success as our students learn. This system is required by the VDOE and we are proud to say that we have had consistent improvements.



UPCOMING EVENTS

August 25th: Last day of Summer Camp

August 28th: New School Year Begins

September 4th: School Closed

September Field Trip: Blue Bird Gap Farm (3's & 4's ONLY)

*Tell me and I forget
Teach me and I remember
Involve me and I learn.*

Benjamin Franklin



Important Notes

We will be making a few changes as our year progresses and we hope that you will continue to support us as we do. Please note that beginning immediately, all students must be at school by 10 am. This will ensure that your child does not miss important scheduled times including breakfast, small group activities, circle time, play and outdoor socialization.

All students must have a weather appropriate change of clothes. Accidents or spills happen all the time. They should also have two bedding items (sheet & blanket). Friday's are a pack a lunch day. A fee of \$5.00 will be charged for any forgotten lunch. Note your payment agreement. Late fees are charged 3 days after payment is due. All credit card payments will be charged a 3% fee. Debit is free.

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Preschool participates in the USDA food program. As a result, we must adhere to strict guidelines when serving our meals. If your child has a Milk Allergy/Restriction, please provide a milk substitute that provides the same nutritional value or provide a Doctors Note allowing another substitute.

Dress Code

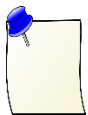
Dress for Success! Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the day when they enter the building. We know that getting to work on time is a priority and our staff is more than willing to help you expedite your drop off process, however, we also ask that you do not bring your child in their pajamas which can sometimes be difficult to maneuver throughout the day.

ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING BUILDING BLOCKS PRESCHOOL must wear closed-toed shoes upon entering the building. Please do not ask the teachers to change your child into other shoes when it is time to go outside. In addition, our students are sometimes engaged in activities that may result in them getting messy. We ask for your understanding when your child may come home with stains or smudges but know that we treat the children as our own and will do our best to keep them clean.



BOOK OF THE MONTH

We will be attempting to have a Book of the Month club as we celebrate literacy. For the month of September, our first book will be Pete the Cat: Too Cool for School! We will have a few books available for loan at the front office as well as a fun craft that students can do. Return them and it will be posted on our "Book Board". All students that complete the book project will receive a special prize.



Note from the Director

Thank you for choosing Building Blocks Preschool for your child's education. We hope that this will be an exciting year filled with new adventures and lots of learning. Please remember, that at preschool we teach more than just academics, but we also focus heavily on the social and emotional needs of your child. However, we cannot do this without you. Always know that our doors are open. We welcome you to volunteer and participate in all of our activities. We look forward to continuing to work with you!

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