

Building Blocks



A Newsletter from Triple C Nursery School

May, 2018

Hello, Parents.

It's May already. It's been a great year even with the winter that did not want to end. I have loved getting to spend time with your precious little ones. They really make my job so much fun. Here is a poem I thought you would enjoy!

Preschool Days

Now I know my ABC's,
Colors, shapes and days.
I sang some songs,
Learned some poems, rhymes and fingerplays.
I played outside on sunny days
And inside when it rained.
My little hands and little feet were busy every day.
My teachers, I kept them on their toes.
They tied my shoes, combed my hair and even wiped my nose.
But now it's time to say "Good-bye"
To all my preschool friends.
School is over, summer's here
But learning never ends!

On the last page of the newsletter, I'm including some activities that you can do with your little ones over the summer. If you are off to kindergarten, please stop by next year and visit. We love to hear about your new adventures. If you will be returning, I can't wait to hear about what fun you had over the summer.

Mary Shaibley
Director

Last Days of School:

OMO (T/TH) Class: Thursday, May 17

OMO (W/F) Class: Friday, May 18

2AM & PreK Classes: Tuesday, May 22

3AM Classes: Wednesday, May 23

Jackets: With the unpredictable weather that we have been having, please send in a light jacket with your child so he/she may enjoy the playground during playtime.



2-AM CARNIVAL: On Tuesday, May 15, all 2AM classes will have a Carnival. We will begin at **10:15am** with a short program by the children in the East Swamp Youth Center (building across the parking lot).



Children come to school at the regular time. The carnival will follow.

There will be lots of games and refreshments! The carnival will conclude at 11:30 a.m. Family members are invited to join the fun! **We request that at least one parent and/or chaperone attend to accompany your child during the carnival time.** This event is all indoors, so it will be held "rain or shine".

HERE COME THE ANIMALS! We are very excited that on **Monday, May 14** we will have a Petting Zoo come to Triple C. Due to the cost of the event, we have limited it to one morning. The 3AM and PreK classes will visit the Petting Zoo during their regular class time. Children in the On My Own and 2AM classes are invited to come see the animals with their parents from 10:00-11:00am. A hand-washing station will be available and/or hands can be washed inside after visiting with the animals. On the day of the event, please remind your child about the importance of hand-washing.

SUMMER DAY CAMP AT TRIPLE C: Triple C will be a weeklong summer day camp. The theme of camp is Take A Walk on The Wild Side Zoo Camp and will be held every morning June 4-8 9:00am-11:45am. The camps are open to our **current** 2-AM, 3-AM and Pre-K students. The cost will be \$90 per camper. Registration began Monday, April 23 in the Triple C office. Class size will be limited to 24 children per class and is open on a first come, first served basis. Brochures were handed out earlier this month. If you did not receive one, please stop by the office.

REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019: Triple C still has openings in all classes for next year. Please tell friends, neighbors and new families moving into the area! If you are planning on having your child return next year, you **MUST** complete the appropriate paperwork in order to secure your child's enrollment. Please stop by the office if you have any questions.

TRIPLE C PARENT SURVEY: Each year, we ask our families to complete a Parent Survey as part of our on-going evaluation of our program. You will soon be receiving an email regarding this survey. Please take a few minutes of your time and complete it at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your input as we continue to strive for excellence and the highest quality service to our students and families.

ATTENTION ALL 3AM AND PREK CLASSES

END OF YEAR CLOSING PROGRAMS : Family and friends are invited to join us for our annual Closing Program. Our theme this year is "Noah". The schedule for each class is listed below. **Please bring your child to the classroom by 6:15 p.m.** on the evening of the program and then you may go to the Worship Center in the upstairs of the building. We look forward to seeing you at this special event. Don't forget your cameras!

Pre-K Mrs. Rice:

Tuesday, May 22 @ 6:30pm

3AM Bickel, Landes, Krochmal:

Wednesday, May 23 @ 6:30pm

Summer Activity Ideas

According to local school district officials, children are coming into kindergarten with poor fine motor skills (finger muscles). This is important because they need to use these muscles to write, color and cut with scissors. Below is a list of activities that will help strengthen these muscles.

Clay, putty, play-doh, bread dough, modeling foam – These are excellent materials for squeezing, pushing, pulling and molding.

Interlocking construction toys – Mega Blocks, legos, K'nex, beads, magnetic blocks and/or linking chains.

Water Play – spray bottles, squirt toys, sponges (squeeze and ring out). The children can help you wash the car or clean areas in your house with sponges. It's a win-win!

Clothespins -Tongs – The pinchy kind. You can have your children pick up cotton balls or other objects.

Paint, coloring – Holding a paint brush, crayons, pencils all help build these muscles.

Pre - Reading Activities

Letter recognition, rhyming, beginning and end sounds, left to right activities all help build reading skills. You can use items from home to work on these skills. For example, you can cut up paper towel rolls and put one letter on one circle, and 2 other letters on another one and match them. Such as the letter F on one roll and AN on another. They can then match the circles to form words. Find letters and words on signs as you drive, walk or grocery shop.

*READ, READ, READ to your children. Reading the same books are just as good as reading new ones. Find your local library because they can have so much to offer.

Pre - Math Activities

Counting, number recognition, counting in groups (there are 11 bears in this group), greater than and less than, shapes, adding or subtracting items.

Pre-Writing Skills

**It is very important to teach both upper and lower-case letter especially when you are working on their names.

Let the younger ones' scribble, see if they can imitate horizontal, vertical, diagonal or circular directions. See if they can copy a line or shape.

Paint with a paint brush, sidewalk chalk or drawing objects in the sand with your finger or on your back with their finger are a few ways to build writing skills. You can also create your own book or play. It does not need to make perfect sense to you but might be a fun activity for an emerging writer and reader.

You can use items around your house as a learning tool or go on an adventure to your favorite spot. If you do not have a favorite spot or may be looking for a new place, here is a list of a few State Parks that might be fun to explore. I have been to some of these parks, but not all. They are within 100 miles of Quakertown.

Archbald Pothole State Park – Dalton, Pa – 150-acre park with a 38-foot-deep pothole. (94 miles from Quakertown)

Beltzville State Park – Lehighton, Pa (40 miles from Quakertown)

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area – Bushkill, Pa (63 miles from Quakertown)

Hickory Run State Park – White Haven, Pa – (58 miles) The field of boulders is cool.

Evansburg State Park – Collegeville, Pa (18 miles from Quakertown)

Fort Washington State Park – 500 S, Bethlehem Pike, Fort Washington, Pa (24 miles from Qtown)

Jacobsburg State Park – Wind Gap, Pa (24 miles from Quakertown)

Neshaminy State Park – Bensalem, Pa (32 miles from Quakertown)