



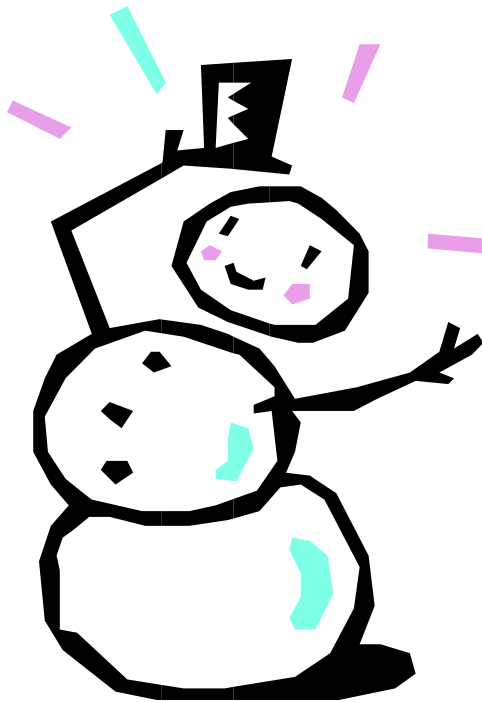
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT LITTLE BLESSINGS

A big **thanks** to each of you for helping to spread the word about Little Blessings.

Open House and Early Registration were very successful. We are extremely optimistic about our numbers for next year and we are excited to offer all the new options to our families.

We would like to welcome some of our new students that started Little Blessings after the New Year:

Zachary Long
Andrew Feldman
Brookelyn and Haley



Ice & Snow

Reminder, the hill to the lower parking lot will be closed during bad winter days. We will place a chain at the top of the hill and ask you to enter through the main church doors. We don't want anyone to get stuck or worse, hurt due to the ice.

We will sand/salt the circle, and the long sidewalk first. Please park along the circle

during inclement weather. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Winter 2012

Special points of interest:

- *Picture preview days*
Jan. 23 & Jan. 24
- *No School Feb. 17, 20 & 21*
- *Conferences, Feb. 15 & 16*

NEW for 2012

Terri Lambert, a Speech and Language Pathologist, has offered her services for a free consultation to any family who is concerned with their child's language development. Terri has also agreed to support the staff in helping children improve their expressive and receptive language skills, through professional development and consultation. Please ask your child's teacher for more information or stop by the office to pick up a flier.

We are excited about our new resource for families.

Parent Teacher Conferences February 15th & 16th

A reminder that Wednesday and Thursday February 15th & 16th have been set aside for Parent/teacher Conferences. This is for our 4 year old and 5 year old classes as they look ahead to Kindergarten.

The sign up sheet will be available soon on the classroom bulletin board in the hall. Please mark if you need childcare.

The 3 yr old class will have their normal class with substitutes.





Picture Preview
Days: January 23rd
and 24th from 11am
through 2pm.

Teddy Bear Portraits
accepts cash, checks and credit cards.
There is no obligation to purchase
pictures.

Class pictures will be available for
purchase in February.

If you happen to take any pictures
when visiting Little Blessings Pre-
school and would like to share them,
we put together a "yearbook" at the
end of the School year.

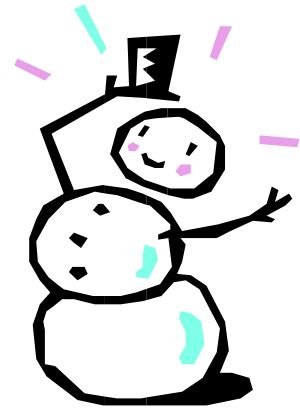


The third session of the 4
and 5 year old **Imagination
Station** is underway with
our explorers celebrating
the Chinese New Year and
studying panda bears. In
February, we will travel
inside our bodies and
complete some heart healthy activities.

Please Note the correction on dates for Imagination
Station for Pre K 4 and Pre K 5. New Dates for
Session 3 are:

January 23, 25, 30
February 1, 6, 8,13, 15, 22, 27, 29
March 5, 7, 12, 14

The 3 year old program began
with our young movers singing
and dancing to ocean-themed
songs. Visiting the musical
barnyard and jumping into our
imaginary pond to sing with
the frogs and ducks, are all coming up!



Reminders

- * We added a week onto the end
of the school year.
- * New date for Graduation is June
4th for Pre K 4 and Pre K 5
- * Family Celebration for Pre K 3 is
June 5th.
- * When the weather is **above 32**
and the playground is NOT icy,
we go outside for play time. On
those days, please dress your
child appropriately. We love to
play in the snow!
- * We are looking for a new or used
Little Tike "Washer and Dryer"
for our Dramatic Play area.
- * We are also looking for clean,
plastic baby food containers with
lids, buttons, toilet paper rolls
for craft projects, toy-farm ani-
mals, Hula Hoops and beanbags.

Huga Tuga "Reading Rocks"



"Reading Rocks" Theater will be returning to
the Little Blessings 4 year old and 5 year old
classes.

The Magical Blue Sea Monster who sparks
the children's imagination will be here in
March for a fun filled show. The Huga Tuga
Theater fosters a love of reading through its'
age appropriate literacy enrichment program
as they became part of the story.

Prior to Huga Tuga coming, the children will have the opportunity to
paint their own picture of the magical blue sea monster. Then if they
choose, this can be turned into their very own T-Shirt. Students will also
have the opportunity to purchase a stuffed animal, puzzles or an auto-
graphed book. More Information will be made available as the date gets
closer. Little Blessings does not benefit from the sales of any products
from Huga Tuga.

We Would Like to thank the **Bristol Family** for their Generous support
and Donation to help fund HUGA TUGA's visit. THANK YOU!!!!

Hungerford

The New Britain Youth Museum at Hungerford
Park will be visiting our 4 and 5 year classes
again this year on
March 14th. They
will bring some of
their small animals,
birds and reptiles.
The Hungerford edu-
cation program is
always a big hit!





Dear Parents:

With your help, Little Blessings Preschool can make this year the best ever! To meet our goals, we need to collect 1000 points. Participating in the program is easy – simply save UPC's from participating products and send them to our school. Some of the products eligible for redemption during the 2011-2012 program year include:

- Campbell's® soups
- SpaghettiOs® Pasta
- Campbell's® beans, gravies
- Prego® Italian sauces
- Swanson® stocks, broths and canned poultry
- Campbell's® tomato juice
- Pepperidge Farm® breads, cookies, and frozen products
- Pepperidge Farm® Goldfish® crackers
- All V8 Splash® Beverages
- All V8 Fusion® Beverages
- Campbell's® Foodservice products



Labels For Education has made it easier for Little Blessings Preschool to reach our collection goals with products worth 5 points! The following products are worth 5 points for the 2010-2011 program year:

- 26 varieties of Campbell's® condensed soup in specially marked cans
- All Campbell's® Microwavable Soups
- All V8® Soups
- All Campbell's® Select Harvest® Soups
- SpaghettiOs® Pasta (Original and Meatball)

Visit labelsforeducation.com for a complete list of eligible products and point values.

Help multiply our efforts by asking your friends and family to collect UPC's on behalf of our school.

If you have any questions, or would like to help with our *Labels for Education* collection drive, please contact our program coordinator Sue Plourde at 860-828-3637

Thanks so much for your support. Together with *Labels for Education* – we can build a better school for our children.



Did you know that each time you purchase an online order, we receive a free book for each order placed? The “library” in the preschool office is from all the free books that we have earned over the year; thanks to all of you for your support! The teachers “check out” these books to read to the children in their classrooms.

They may also use points to provide books for their reading centers in their classrooms. On behalf of the Little Blessing Preschool staff, thank you for supporting Scholastic and, also, for your gift certificates for us to purchase even more books! Reading to your child is so important and we firmly believe in reading to them every day at preschool!

WHEN SUBMITTING A BOOK ORDER, PLEASE BE SURE TO SEND IN A PERSONAL CHECK ONLY. SCHOLASTIC DOES NOT ACCEPT CASH. ALSO, FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, YOU MAY COMBINE YOUR ORDERS AND ONLY WRITE ONE CHECK FOR ALL BOOK ORDERS THAT ARE SENT HOME FOR THE MONTH. OF COURSE, ONLINE ORDERS ARE ALWAYS ACCEPTED AS WELL. THANK YOU!

Parents who would like to purchase books through the Scholastic Book club, please visit

www.scholastic.com/bookclubs

and enter the following

Class Activation Code: GZF8M

THANK YOU

THANK YOU to all the families who have donated items to help us make it through this tough economic year.

A Special Thanks to **Missy Ferland** who donated back the 50/50 raffle money at our Christmas Celebration. With her generous donation we are able to have Hungerford come back with their animals. Thank you to all the families who purchased raffle tickets. A Special Thank you to **Sandy Brown** for donating the deposit money to reserve the date.

A special Thank you to The **Bristol family** for their generous donation in sponsoring the Huga Tuga Literacy program for Pre K 4 and Pre K 5 classes.

Thank you to the **Ricuperio** family for the paper and envelopes.

Thank you to the “Special Someone” who donated children’s bikes in our playground and The **Beliini** family who donated the John Deer Bike.

Thank you to the **Henriques** family for the donation of a raffle gift.

“What did you do at School Today?”

At preschool, much of our learning is through play and in developing opportunities for shared experiences. While children’s play may look simple, it is in fact layered with complexity. There are in fact many different kinds of play, and some of this play is complex and touches on every area of development. Children’s literacy, cognitive and creative development and problem solving skills are strengthened by being able to use their developing skills and understandings in play.

Complex play has several characteristics. This type of play involves the use of objects, ideas, people, and situations. This play also involves the children in situations in which they confront the ideas, beliefs and understandings of others. This then leads to the opportunity to negotiate new understandings or a new perspective; this may be on an individual level or it might be new learning or understanding, which is brought to the whole group. Negotiating roles and rules and learning others ideas about the world is how we learn to regulate our social understandings. Play also allows opportunity to gain mastery over equipment and tools such as sticky tape and scissors, providing yet another avenue for complex social play and role-playing.

Therefore, the ways in which we at preschool facilitate children’s play is diverse and complex. Part of this complexity comes also from planning for each of the children individually. So please don’t worry if your child doesn’t have anything in their cubbies or if they say all they did at preschool was play. I hope that you will know we are working very hard at preschool, playing.



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Interested in Parenting Classes?

The PARENT AND CHILD CENTER AT BRISTOL HOSPITAL Offers a wide variety of Parenting Classes.

They are located at 9 Prospect Street, Bristol, CT 06010

(860) 585-3481 Voice

(860) 585-3895 Voice - Class registration

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email: rtuttle@bristolhospital.org

web: www.bristolhospital.org

Nurturing Parenting Classes

DESCRIPTION: Offers Nurturing Parenting Classes for families of preschool and school age children. These classes will offer parent education, which will include a variety of issues and topics related to positive family interactions. Some of the topics will include discipline, identifying undesired behaviors, and reinforcing healthy family bonding.

The Town of Middletown has several available classes offered through their Adult Education program. Information can be found on their website www.maect.org.

Kindergarten Information for 2012-2013

Kindergarten registration information is unavailable at this time. The school districts will be notifying families in the next month or so with the dates for special programs and registration information. Please contact your local schools to confirm they have your child’s name and address for Kindergarten registration forms.



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