

What's Blossoming at the Hill?

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Dear Blossom Hill Parents,

Happy Fall! We are excited to start a new school year with all your children.

This year we will be providing a vision and hearing test on **Wednesday, October 18th** for all students who want to participate. We have placed a parent release form in each child's cubby. If you want your child to participate, please sign and place in yellow folder by October 10th. There is no charge.

Thank you to all the parents that helped us with the Apple Picking Field trip last week. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

Saturday, October 21st- Kid's Fall Harvest. Bring the aunts, uncles, grandparents, cousins and friends. We will have entertainment, games, snacks and pumpkins. Please RSVP so I can make sure to have plenty of supplies.

Self-Help and Nutrition

Beginning 10/5/17, we will be making a little change at lunchtime for preschoolers and pre-k students. Normally, the teachers go through the lunchboxes and hand out each item. We will be promoting your children to practice self-help skills at lunch time. They will be given their lunch box at their table and encouraged to choose healthy foods first. Things to do at home: talk to your children about healthy foods and healthy food choices. We will also be discussing with the children the importance of "grow foods".

Important Announcements

If you have not already provided us a copy of your child's immunization please bring them in. You can also have the doctor fax them to us at 908-735-0661.

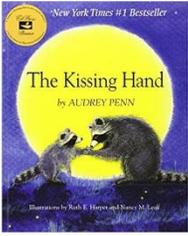
Parent Committee:

Thank you, parents that have volunteered on the parent committee. If anyone else would like to participate or would like more information please contact me at 609-310-2648.

Developmental Screening

Every year we send out a developmental screening for each of our students. It is very helpful to us to get the parents' view of their child's development and compare it with our view. In the next week, a questionnaire will be placed in each child's folder. If you would like your child to participate, please complete the consent form and the completed questionnaire. We thank you in advance!

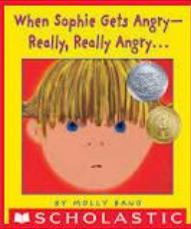
Great books to read to your children:



The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn (leaving home)

Chester Raccoon doesn't want to go to school--he wants to stay home with his mother. She assures him that he'll love school--with its promise of new friends, new toys, and new books. Even better, she has a special secret that's been in the family for years--the Kissing Hand.

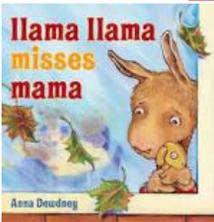
When Sophie Gets Angry, Really Really Angry



by Molly Bang (emotions)

Everybody gets angry sometimes. For children, anger can be very upsetting. Teachers, and children can talk about it. People do lots of different things when angry. In this Caldecott Honor book, kids will see what Sophie does when she gets angry. What do you do?

Parents,
they get
gets angry.



Llama Llama Misses Mama

by Anna Dewdney (leaving home)

It's Llama Llama's first day of preschool! And Llama Llama's mama makes sure he's ready. They meet the teachers. See the other children. Look at all the books and games. But then it's time for Mama to leave. ...

Sick Policy reminder:

Just a friendly reminder of our sick policy-



Student ILLNESS

"Our priority at Blossom Hill is providing a healthy, safe learning environment for all children. Children will be sent home as soon as possible if any of the following is experienced: an illness prevents the child from participating comfortably in activities (as determined by the staff); an illness results in a greater need for care than the staff can reasonably provide without compromising the health or safety of other children in the classroom; or a child is experiencing any of the following conditions:

Fever accompanied by behavior changes or other signs/symptoms of illness

Signs/symptoms of severe illness, including: lethargy, uncontrolled coughing, inexplicable irritability or persistent crying, difficulty breathing, and/or wheezing

Diarrhea (not associated with diet changes or medications) until diarrhea stops or the continued diarrhea is deemed not be infectious by a licensed health care professional. (More than 1 episode)

Blood in stools not explainable by dietary change, medication, or hard stools

Vomiting (two more instances in past 24 hours) until vomiting resolves or until a health care provider determines the cause for vomiting is not contagious and the child is not in danger of dehydration.

Persistent abdominal pain (continues more than 2 hours) or intermittent pain associated with fever or other signs/symptoms of illness.

Mouth sores with drooling, unless a health care provider determines the sores are not contagious.

Rash with fever or behavior change, until a physician determines that these symptoms do not indicate a communicable disease

Pink eye (conjunctivitis) until after treatment has been initiated

Head lice, from the end of the day until after first treatment

Scabies, until after treatment has been completed

Tuberculosis, until a health care provider states that the child is on appropriate therapy and can attend child care

Impetigo, until 24 hours after treatment has been initiated

Strep throat, until 24 hours after initial antibiotic treatment and cessation of fever

Chicken pox, until all sores have dried and crusted (usually 6 days)

Pertussis, until 5 days of appropriate antibiotic treatment has been completed

Mumps, until 9 days after onset of symptoms

Hepatitis A virus, until 1 week after onset of illness

Measles, until 4 days after onset of rash

Rubella, until 6 days after onset of rash

Unspecified respiratory tract illness accompanied by another illness which requires exclusion

Herpes simplex, with uncontrollable drooling

A child who becomes ill while at Blossom Hill must be removed from the classroom to limit exposure of other children to communicable disease. An ill child will be sent to the office to wait for his/her parent to arrive. Blossom Hill reserves the right to make the final determination of exclusion due to illness. Any exceptions to our illness policy will require a written note from a licensed health care professional stating that the child is not contagious.

Other reminders:

Water bottles- For safety reasons, please do not bring **glass** water bottles to school.

Just a quick reminder!

Parents welcome! If you would like to come into your child's classroom and share a story or read a book we would love to have you! Please contact your child's teacher or the office to set it up.

Health and Safety:

Healthy hand washing If you have not done so already, now is a good time to help your child develop healthy hand washing habits. Proper hand washing can prevent the spread of many communicable diseases. Water alone, however, won't kill germs. Soap is needed, too. Drying the hands with a disposable paper towel will help stop the spread of germs. Here are some appropriate occasions for your child to practice hand washing:



- When she comes into the house after playing outdoors
- After using the toilet.
- After petting an animal.
- Before coming to the table for a meal, before eating food or snacks.

Good habits—learned early—can last a lifetime. So, help your child develop the good habit of washing her hands. (www.growingchild.com)