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What's Blossoming?

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Dear Blossom Hill Parents,
We wish you all Happy Thanksgiving!

State Requirement - Flu vaccine

The **state** requires a flu vaccine for all students annually. The vaccine must be administered between September 1 - December 31. Please provide proof of the vaccine **no later than** December 31st. If you do not want to give your child the vaccine, please [contact us](#) and let us know.

WE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD and NOVEMBER 24TH. We will be open the following Monday, November 27th.



Safety Update- Important Information Please read!

We will be discussing safety procedures with the children in the next few weeks and continually thereafter. We will discuss LOCK DOWN procedures. We will approach our discussion as we discuss class room rules and fire drills, only we will call it an Intruder drill. We will practice both scenarios of an outside intruder as well as an inside intruder. Next week we will be installing additional internal locks as part of our planned security program. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Important Announcements

Santa Claus is coming to town! Saturday, December 16th at 3:00-4:00 pm. Bring friends and siblings! [Please click here](#) to let me know how many is in your party.

December 21st - We will be having pajama day. All students can wear their pajamas to school. Please wear regular shoes. We will have holiday activities and a movie.

December 25-January 1, 2018- We are closed.

Safety Procedures-

Parking Lot- Safety of our children is our priority. Please remember to walk with your child when exiting your car and entering the building, as well as, when picking up your child and walking to the car. The parking lot can be very dangerous, and we want to make sure everyone is safe. If you need assistance with drop off or pick up, please email or call us to make arrangements.

Along with parking lot rules, one of our school rules is mommies, daddies and teachers open doors. Please help us with these safety procedures by not allowing the children to open the doors at drop off and pick up. We appreciate it!



Blossom Hill Staff update-

We are pleased to inform you that we have two additions to our team. Ms. Emily is our assistant teacher for Toddlers and Preschoolers. We welcome her to our team!

Bad Weather Procedures:

In the event of heavy snow or heavy snow/ice storm, the school may have a late opening or may close for the entire day. If it is determined the weather is severe, you will receive an email notification. We will also post it on facebook and on our answering machine. We will also post it on 101.5.

Winter is here!



In anticipation of the cold, we would like our students to bring in their snow mittens, boots, hats, pants and so on. We will go out if the wind chill and

temperature is not under 32 degrees. This includes snow!

Green Choices vs. **Red Choices**

You may have heard your child talk about Red choices and Green Choices at school. We have found this strategy is helpful when teaching children to make good choices. Teaching students to make good choices is HARD! Students need to learn how to make good choices just like they need to learn their letters and numbers.

Social development directly affects ALL other areas of learning. One of my main goals for students is to be happy, confident learners who can solve problems and work collaboratively with others.

Being able to make good choices when they are alone and interacting with others is a BIG part of that.

We introduce green and red choices over several class meetings. It gives us an opportunity to have an open discussion about them. Students can ask questions, reflect, and talk about them.

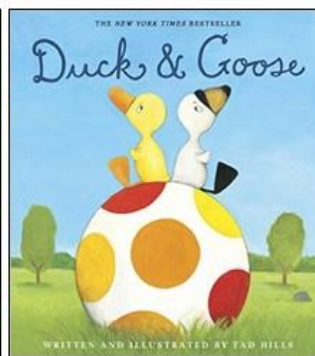
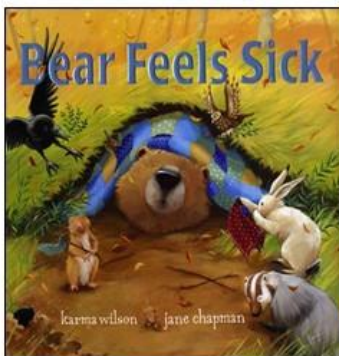
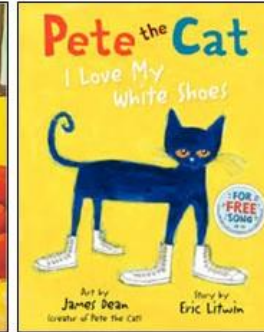
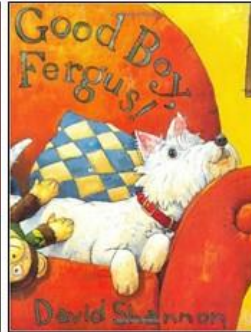
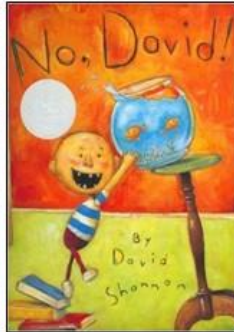
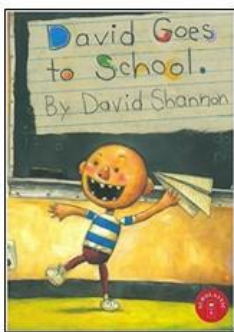
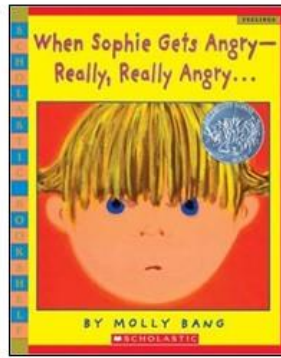
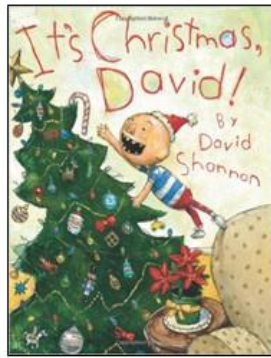
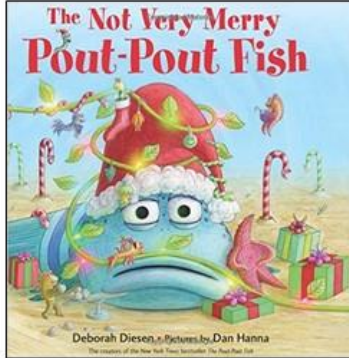
WHY? Talking about the why is higher level thinking. It makes students think about how someone else feels which is something that preschoolers don't often do.



Making Green Choices book list



Read themed and seasonal books throughout the year to reteach and review Green and Red Choices as needed



A Glance at the Winter Schedule:

December 11th- 15th - Traditions week- If you have a special tradition or dish that you make and would like to share it with the school, [please let us know](#).

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