



Blake & Milford CLC  
Brooklyn, New York  
**November 2018**

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### Important Dates

**November 7<sup>th</sup> 2018** - Vision Screening

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Thanksgiving Break  
(Center closed)

### Dear Blake Families

Supporting our children’s learning at home and “ON THE GO”, here are a few tips:

Talk to your child throughout the day about their experiences. Allow them to share and reflect with you. Help them understand and make the connections. Ask open ended questions such as

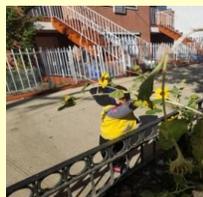
- What did you learn in school today?
- What did you eat for lunch?
- What books did you read?
- How did you explain your drawing or painting to your teacher?



Please participate in our home school connection activity, these activities re-enforce what students are learning at school and it creates a bonding time with the family.

### Infant News

The month of October was filled with so much excitement and progress in our infants. Our little ones are developing their self help skills, by practicing daily drinking from an open cup. In addition, our infants are cleaning up their toys and putting books away when done. To develop their gross motor skills, we dance to music and take walks if weather permits. To enhance our infant’s fine motor, we encourage coloring, ripping paper and finger painting. To help develop language, we sing songs, recite finger play and read picture books, where students label the pictures. To develop student’s social emotion, we teach our infants “gentle touches” and being nice to our friends. We will continue working on our infant’s individual goals throughout the month of November.



### Upcoming Birthday's

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Josiah, Charlotte, Javier

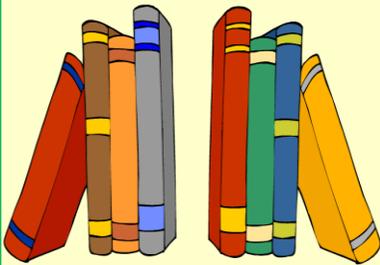
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[www.blakeandmilforddaycare.com](http://www.blakeandmilforddaycare.com)

## Pre-Toddler

This will be an exciting month for our toddlers. We will be continuing with the Fall theme but focusing more on the up-coming holidays and the changing of the weather for example the clothing that we wear when it is cold and how to put them on. We will be learning new words such as turkey, feather, soft, friend and family. We will be reading the book “Feast For Ten” to help the children recognize different food they may see during the holiday season. We will practice manners, such as “please and thank you”. All domains of development will be covered through the various activities in the classroom.

We will also be asking parent to partake in our classroom Feast For Ten with our children. Parents please volunteer to bring a dish November 20, 2018 at 11:00 am. Please remember food allergies so no peanut butter or shellfish contributions please.

We will continue participating in the literacy center, at the Cypress Hill library every Wednesday. All books borrow must be returned by the Tuesday prior to outing so new books can be allowed out for the following week.



## Toddler News

October was all about apples and pumpkins. This month, we strengthen cognition through discussions and by asking open-ended questions after we read books like Ten Red Apples by Pat Hutchins and Fall Pumpkins by Tanya Thayer. We stimulate their senses by putting items in the mystery box and asking them to describe what they feel without looking at the item.

We explored pumpkins, by touching and feeling the texture. We played games to foster students social skills like “pass the pumpkin/apple around”. To develop language, we sang songs and recited finger-plays. For fine-motor development, our students ripped, tiered, and shredded tissue paper.

We worked on self-help skill by pulling up and down, wash hands, eating independently, and drinking. Our class continues to participate in the literacy center at the Cypress Library, every Wednesday.



## Pre-School News

The month of October we explored the season autumn. We discussed the changing of the seasons such as the different colors of the trees (i.e. red, orange and brown). We took walks around the neighborhood collecting different color leaves. November we introduced a new lesson “Our five senses”. Our senses help us explore, investigate and understand the world around us. Our students explored their five senses through activities. These activities will demonstrate the way we use our senses (seeing, hearing, touching, tasting and smelling.) We will individualize instruction for all our students; in order to track each student goals across the five domains. For language development we will provide vocabulary word via cue cards every morning for morning meeting and repeat again during the afternoon meeting.

Language development is learned through repetition of songs, reciting poems, rhymes, books daily interactions conducted within the various centers in the room. To develop student’s gross motor skills, we played games that involves jumping, crawling (Simon says), in/out tunnel and walk around the neighborhood. We will develop student’s social emotional skills by continuing to build friendships, and manners. In addition to the various experiences that our classroom will provide, we will continue to participate in the Cypress Hill literacy center at the library. We will ask in the future that you complete library applications for your child. This will allow our students to borrow books, so they can be taken home and read by the parents. This will allow our home family partner projects that will help bridge the school and home experiences. We look forward to working with each of our students and their families.

