



November 2025

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Welcome!

Hello Preschool Friends and Families!

Autumn is here, and our preschoolers are diving into all the fun this cozy season brings! The classrooms are filled with excitement as children explore the colors, textures, and sounds of fall. From pumpkin painting and leaf collages to nature walks and apple tasting, our little learners are discovering the world around them in hands-on, joyful ways.

Thank you for joining us for the preschool pumpkin patch and for celebrating the fall season with our preschool community! Please take time to review our newsletter for more fall fun, pictures from our special events and special guests, upcoming events, and special spotlights! We are so proud of how much each child is learning and how beautifully they're blossoming this season!

Sincerely,

Ms Corinne Mattia

Community/Parent Involvement Specialist
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Upcoming Events:

American Education Week: The Week of November 18th (see flyer below for details)

Bring Books Alive Day: December 5th

Winter Wonderland Party: December 23rd



American Education Week Week of November 17th

We're so excited to invite our preschool families to join us in celebrating American Education Week! This special week gives families a chance to visit the classroom, see all the wonderful things your children are learning, and be part of their preschool day!

Preschool Visit Details:

- Visits will be 20 minutes long
- The time slots offered will be **9:45-10:05 am** or **10:05-10:25am** each day of the school week- Monday- Friday
- Up to 4 adults per classroom, first come first served
- Invitations are not extended to siblings/ other children for this event
- You will receive a Google Form to sign up for your preferred day and time
- You will receive an email confirmation if you are selected to participate

We can't wait to welcome you into our classrooms and share in the fun, learning, and excitement happening every day at BCS Preschool!

Be on the lookout for a Google form sent your email soon!

*Sincerely,
Ms Corinne Mattia
Community Parent Involvement Specialist*



Bring Books Alive Day!

December 5th 2025

It's time to step right into your favorite story! On Bring Books Alive Day, our preschoolers are invited to come dressed as their favorite book character and bring the book along to share with friends.

Before the big day, cuddle up with your little reader and chat about their story! Share conversation about what makes their character special, what adventures they go on, and why the book is their favorite!

Let's make the magic of reading come to life — one storybook character at a time!



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WINTER WONDERLAND *party*



DECEMBER 23, 2025

Details and RSVP to follow
soon!

Let's Celebrate Together!

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Workshop Update:



We're thrilled to announce our very first Family Workshop coming **this January**! This special event will feature engaging discussions on popular preschool topics, helpful tips, and plenty of take-home resources to support your child's growth and learning at home. Stay tuned for more details!

*Sincerely,
The Preschool Support Team*

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BCS Preschool Staff Highlight: Ms. Semet



This is my very first year teaching, and I absolutely love it! Teaching Preschool is so much fun because I get to watch my students learn new things, make new friends, and grow a little more every day. I believe our classroom should be a happy, safe, and welcoming place where everyone feels special and ready to learn.

My favorite part of teaching is learning from my students. They teach me something new every single day!

When I'm not at school, I love spending time with my family and friends, painting, and going to the gym.

Fun fact: I ran a half marathon before and plan to run a full marathon soon!

*Sincerely,
Ms. Ava Semet*

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BCS Preschool Kindness Corner Spotlight:
Violet Burke



Our Kindness Corner spotlight shines on Violet! Violet is nominated because she comes to school everyday with a smile and caring heart! She always uses her manners, saying please and thank you and she loves to help and look out for her friends everyday. She is always including others in play and making sure everyone feels welcome. Her friendly heart and cheerful spirit brighten our classroom every day! Thank you for always lending a helping hand and being a kind friend little Violet! Keep up the amazing work!

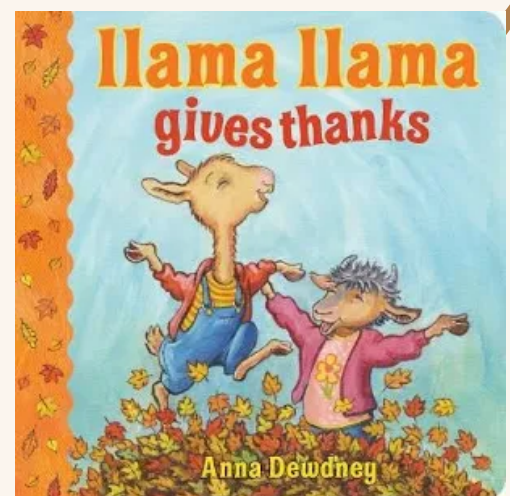
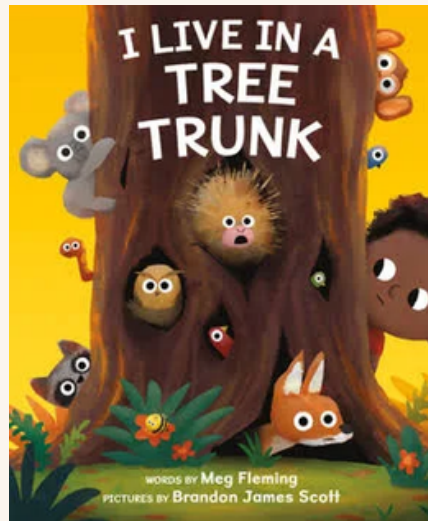
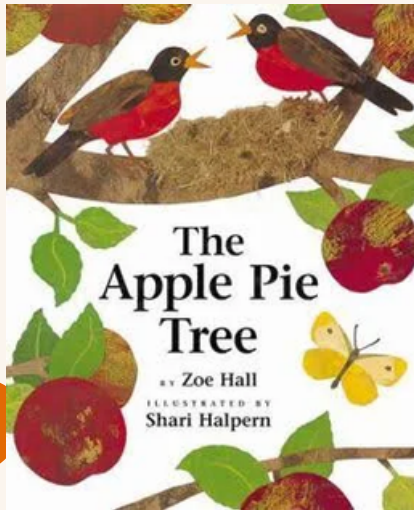
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Ms Semet & The Preschool Support Team*

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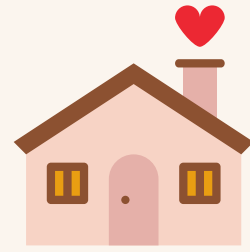


Book Recommendations of the Month:



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Bridging School to Home: What are the preschoolers learning now?

Our preschoolers have been busy exploring all the wonders that come with the fall season! Together, we've been learning about pumpkins, trees, and the changes we see in nature as the weather cools down. The children loved observing the colors of the leaves, talking about animals that live in or visit trees, and discovering how the world around us changes during autumn.

Alongside our seasonal themes, we've also been talking about friendship and feelings—important parts of our classroom community. The children have been sharing ways to be kind, take turns, and use gentle words with friends. We've been reading books that help us recognize different emotions and learning that it's okay to feel all kinds of feelings!

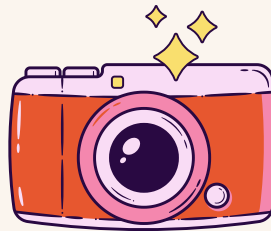
We were also excited to welcome a special visitor—**Nurse Lauren**! She joined our classrooms for a fun, interactive activity all about germs. Nurse Lauren showed the children how germs can spread and how handwashing helps keep us healthy. The children had so much fun watching her demonstrations and practicing washing their hands “the right way!”

It's been a season full of exploration, curiosity, and kindness in preschool—and we can't wait to see what learning adventures the next month brings!



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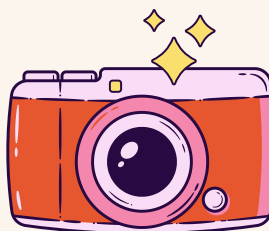
Mrs Elliot's Class



Mrs Smith's Class

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Mrs Martino's Class

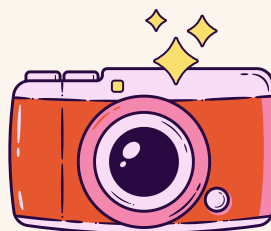


Mrs Longo's Class



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Ms. Hernandez's Class

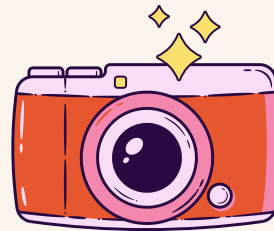


Learning with Nurse Lauren



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Preschool Kindness Links for Unity Day



Looking for your
preschooler? Please do not
hesitate to reach out the
classroom teacher or Miss
Corinne for more pictures!



Mrs McElroy's Class

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November Backpack Series: Learning to Say “No” - Without the Melt Down!

Saying “no” to your preschooler can feel like trying to negotiate with a tiny lawyer in a superhero cape! But guess what? Setting limits is one of the best ways to help your child feel safe, confident, and ready to learn — both at home and at school.

Here are some fun but firm strategies that work:

🍁 1. The “Yes... After” Trick:

Instead of a flat “no,” try “Yes, after dinner” or “Yes, once we clean up toys.” This keeps the hope alive but teaches patience and routine!

🌸 2. The “Choice Cheerleader”:

Give your child two options that you approve of:

“Do you want to put on your shoes first or your coat?”
Kids love feeling in charge — even with small choices!

🎃 3. The “Silly Switcheroo”:

If you feel a tantrum brewing, turn it playful:

“Oh no, is this the No-No Monster coming out? Let’s stomp it away together!”
Laughter can turn a “no” moment into a teachable one.

🌻 4. Stay Calm and Consistent:

At school, teachers use calm voices and repeat expectations with love and structure. Try using the same phrases at home — children thrive when home and school sound like a team!

💛 Scenario Example:

Your child: “I want cookies for breakfast!”

You: “Cookies are for after lunch, but let’s make your pancakes into smiley faces instead!”

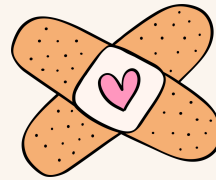
Remember — saying “no” doesn’t make you the bad guy; it helps your child learn boundaries, self-control, and problem-solving skills. Together, we can make “no” feel like a positive step toward “yes, I can!”

✨ Keep it fun, firm, and full of love — that’s the preschool way! ✨

Sincerely,
Ms. Shavon Wilson
PKRS Preschool Intervention Specialist

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A Word from Administration and the Nurses Office:

Dear Room Parents and Preschool Community,
For our upcoming Thanksgiving celebrations, classrooms may only serve one fruit, one vegetable, and a drink. All food items must be approved by the nurse and myself at least two weeks prior to the celebration.

Food Approval Procedures:

1. Submit the list of proposed food items (including brand names) to the nurse and myself for review and approval.
2. Wait for written approval before purchasing or serving any food items.
3. Ensure that all food served is store-bought and labeled with ingredients.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in keeping our students safe and ensuring consistency across all classrooms.

*Sincerely,
Ms Lindsay Hickman & Nurse Lauren Madrid*

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Berlin Community School Thanksgiving Food Drive

Collecting October 31st - November 19th 2025

Preschool: Cereal and Oatmeal

Kindergarten: Canned Vegetables: Corn, Carrots, Peas

First Grade: Cream of Mushroom or Celery Soup, Green Beans,
French Fried Onions

Second Grade: Stuffing and Corn Bread Mix

Third Grade: Mashed Potatoes and Applesauce

Fourth Grade: Turkey Gravy or Brown Gravy

Fifth Grade: Cranberry Sauce and Canned Soup

Sixth Grade: Pasta and Sauce

Seventh Grade: Macaroni and Cheese and Shelf Stable Milk

Eighth Grade: Rice, Muffin Mix, Cookies

Staff: Peanut Butter and Jelly / Canned Fruit