Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a wonderful break. Welcome back! The students are settling in nicely to the classrooms and outdoor learning area and looking forward to a fun Spring Semester.

**Parent / Teacher Conferences**
We will be holding parent/teacher conferences in February and open enrollment for kindergarten with Boulder Valley Schools ends in January. If you have any questions regarding kindergarten enrollment or registration for Building Blocks or Stepping Stones, please ask! We will be happy to help in any way we can.

**Registration for Building Blocks/Stepping Stones 2019/2020**
Priority forms (for our current and alumni families) will be available in the Sign In/Out areas in January and are due directly to your teachers or Mandy Perera by January 16, 2020 (it cannot be done on-line or at the front desk). Registrations will be processed as a batch, there is no preference given if you get it in early. The enrollment fee is $75 Lsvl Res/$94 Non-Res and due at time of registration. Your deposit will be due mid-April and is used for May 2021’s tuition. If you wish to switch class times (afternoon to morning/morning to afternoon for next year) it will be done on a lottery basis. Confirmations will be e-mailed once processed. Let us know if you have any questions. Please remember that all enrollment fees/deposits are non-refundable. Thank you!

**Communication between Teachers and Parents**
We communicate with parents in several different ways over the course of the school year.

*Classroom Newsletters* ~ Each classroom sends home a monthly newsletter on or before the beginning of each month. This newsletter contains basic information on past and upcoming projects, dates of special activities, dates of special events (sometimes requiring that children bring specific items from home on given dates), Scholastic Book Order, as well as general classroom information of interest to parents.

*White Board* ~ Both Building Blocks and Stepping Stones write a general daily overview of what is happening in the classrooms that day.

*Week-at-a-Glance* ~ The Stepping Stones classroom chronicles highlights from the week on Fridays with photos and text. The Week-at-a-Glance can be found in the labeled notebooks on top of the cubbies.

*Program Newsletter* ~ We send home a program newsletter every other month; in September, November, January and March. This newsletter has general program information, reminders and updates.

*Student Drop Off / Pick Up* ~ We have the pleasure of seeing parents at both drop off and pick up daily. Although our main focus during this time is transitioning the children, we are happy to speak briefly with parents and confirm information, answer questions and receive or provide feedback.

*Parent – Teacher Conference* ~ We schedule parent – teacher conferences in February of each school year and encourage every family to participate. In addition to that, if you have any specific need or pressing issue that you feel warrants more meeting time than just a quick exchange at drop off /pick up, we are happy to schedule time to meet with you (generally over our lunch hour 11:00-11:30).

If you are a parent that does not routinely drop off and pick up your preschooler, we recommend that you have your drop off/pick up person take a photo of the white board and / or Week-at-a-Glance and send it to you since these forms of communication are not emailed to you.

**Scholastic**
The January Scholastic Book Orders are due on Wednesday, January 15. The February orders are due on Wednesday, February 5. If you would prefer to order on-line, go to [http://www.scholastic.com/clubsordering](http://www.scholastic.com/clubsordering). You will be prompted to sign in as a parent and create your own account with your own username and password. Then link your account with ours as prompted to do using the class activation code GW3BG.
**Coats, Hats, Boots and Mittens**
As the weather begins to get cooler, please make sure to send your preschooler to school with all of the outerwear they may need. We sometimes go to the gym instead of outside, but students should be prepared for outdoor play daily. Please label all belongings clearly. All coats, etc should be kept in the larger cubbie with hooks with hats and mittens securely tucked in the sleeves. On snowy and wet days, please bring a pair of dry and clean shoes to change into for classroom time and leave boots in boot trays in the welcome area (please do not put wet boots in cubbies).

**Sweetheart Dance (ages 3-8)**
This magical afternoon is held at the Recreation & Senior Center. The event includes dancing to a live DJ, crafts, light refreshments and many smiles. It is a day to be cherished. Formal to semi-formal attire encouraged.
**Saturday, February 1**
3:30-4:30 pm
$12/$15 per person (all in attendance must register)
#12021-1
Register online at www.louisvillerecreation.com or at the front desk.

**Calendar Notes**
Wednesday, January 8 ~ Back to School
Monday, January 15 ~ January Scholastic Due
Monday, January 20 ~ No School (MLK Holiday)
Tuesday, January 21 ~ Talk with Teachers 11:15 am-12:00pm**
Friday, February 5 ~ February Scholastic Due
Wednesday, February 12 ~ Valentine’s Day parties in the classrooms
Friday, February 14 ~ No School
Monday, February 17 ~ No School

Stepping Stones and Building Blocks Parent/Teacher conference times and information will be available in the classrooms by the sign in/out.

**Talk with Teachers** is an open house event for prospective program parents to see the classrooms and talk individually with the teachers. Stop by and see the classrooms, meet the teachers and ask questions. We encourage Building Blocks parents to come see Stepping Stones and get to know Miss Lana and Miss Kristen. If you have friends looking for a preschool program, please spread the word! There will be no formal presentation, just an opportunity to chat! Child care is available as the open house is for parents only.

**Great Enrichment Programs for Your Preschooler**
  - Sports Action (ages 4-6)
  - Baby Signing Time (ages 0-5)
  - Hola Ninos (ages 3-6)
  - Little Yogis (ages 3-5)
  - Preschool Drawing (ages 3.5-6)
  - BAMM: Biology, Art, Music & Movement (ages 4-8)
  - Music in Motion (ages 4-7)
  - Swim Lessons