



NEW CHANGES COMING SOON

In the past few months, Building Blocks Preschool has been adapting to some new policies that have been put into place. Since the Department of Social Services will now be under the Virginia Department of Education's (VDOE) umbrella, they have initiated a few steps that we have to implement. While these changes will be daunting, we have a great staff that has been willing to adapt and overcome and we are very excited because all of these steps will make our program even better for all of our families and staff.

Here is a list of some of the terms that you should be hearing more about in the coming months:

- **Virginia Quality:** By voluntarily participating in Virginia Quality, early learning programs show their staff, families, and community that they are committed to quality for young children.
- **CLASS:** An extensive scoring system used to observe our interactions and determine our commitment to a quality program through professional development
- **Virginia Developmental Milestone:** A set of learning standards specific to the developmental stages of children from Birth to 5 years.
- **PDG-5:** Federal Preschool Developmental Grant Birth-5 will help schools to be prepared to deliver quality programs that between the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), Virginia Early Childhood Foundation (VECF), and the University of Virginia (UVA).

As we progress through this exciting time of development and growth, we encourage our families to become a part of our journey by becoming informed and exercising your right to question our goals. Our staff has been working very hard and we have already reached Level 2 in Virginia Quality in just 2 MONTHS. We will begin implementing a new curriculum in September that will help us in achieving Level 3 and we look forward to you cooperation as we achieve these goals.

BONUS NEWS



Our school currently uses PROCARE for all our day-to-day activities. You use that program when you check in and out on the computer daily. We will begin using the PROCARE APP. We encourage you to download this app and become familiar with it. We will be sending out invites to all families through the email you have provided. Using this app, you can check your child in and out from your mobile device, receive updates throughout the day and view assessments made by your child's teacher.

Reminder



Our annual update is approaching. Building Blocks Preschool provides care for Infants, Toddlers, Pre-k 3 and Pre-K 4. In order to be enrolled in our program for FALL 2021, all families must fill out an update form and pay a Registration fee of \$100. You can print the form here or you can collect a copy at our office.