



## August 2022 Newsletter

# LAST MONTH OF SUMMER!!!

*Let's enjoy every moment!!!*



Dear Parents,

Can you believe summer is almost over? Wow that went by fast! We intend to enjoy every day of summer that is left! Please check to make sure your child has not run out of sunscreen and continue to bring in their bathing suits, towels, and water shoes. If they do not bring them in, they will have to sit out while the rest of the class does their water play as we do not have extra bathing suits.

We are preparing our classroom rosters so please provide Ms. Dina or Ms. Linda with any schedule changes. For School Age parents please let us know if your child will continue to attend Bright Beginnings for Before school care, After school care or both. For our Pre-K students transitioning into kindergarten, please let us know if your child will continue care here, what school they will attend and if they will be here for Before school care, After school care or both.

Reminder: Please make sure you are submitting your child's annual physical. Keep all DHS paperwork up to date. If any information changes i.e. cell number, address, work information, insurance, emergency contacts, etc. please update paperwork asap. Thanks!



## Dates to Remember

- Aug 4<sup>th</sup> – National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
- Aug 8<sup>th</sup> – Build a Classroom Pirate Ship
- Aug 10<sup>th</sup> – S'mores Day
- Aug 12<sup>th</sup> – Sponge Bomb Water Play
- Aug 15<sup>th</sup> – Crazy Hair Day
- Aug 18<sup>th</sup> – Obstacle Course
- Aug 19<sup>th</sup> – Hot Dog & Bounce House Bash
- Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> – Build School Bus
- Aug 24<sup>th</sup> – Scavenger Hunt
- Aug 29<sup>th</sup> – Back to School
- Aug 31<sup>st</sup> – Classroom Mural

## August Birthdays

- Aug 5<sup>th</sup> – Ms. Melissa
- Aug 11<sup>th</sup> – Cameron S
- Aug 13<sup>th</sup> – Jade P
- Aug 16<sup>th</sup> – Garrison N
- Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> – Eliana D
- Aug 24<sup>th</sup> – Isabella B
- Aug 26<sup>th</sup> – Scarlett W



**STROUDSBURG SCHOOLS  
START AUGUST 29TH**

## WELCOME OUR NEW TEACHERS

We would like to Welcome Ms. Emily T. as a new part-time floater. We would also like to Welcome Ms. Emily K. as our new Infant Assistant Teacher.

We are so happy to have you both our team! Welcome aboard Ladies!

## GOODBYE ☹️

Ms. Amanda D, it has been a pleasure to work with you. We wish you the best in all your future endeavors. No one believes in you as much as we do. Grab every opportunity with both hands and make the most of it. You have been with Bright Beginnings since the beginning and have helped us grow to what we are today. You will be greatly missed!



## WELCOME OUR NEW STUDENTS!!!

We would like to welcome all the new students that started this past month. Let's please welcome Logan K to our Toddler Room and Scarlett W to our Infant Room.

We are very happy to have you join our Bright Beginnings family!



## AUGUST WEEKLY THEMES

Week 1: Summer Scientist

Week 2: Pirate Week

Week 3: Goodbye Summer Bash

Week 4: Back to School



**BACK TO SCHOOL**



The Pocono Cheesecake Fundraiser starts Monday August 15<sup>th</sup> and runs thru Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

# CLASSROOM NEWS!!!

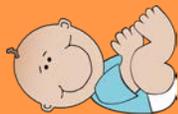
## Infant 1 Room News:

Where is the time going? I can't believe that we are already into August. We are so happy to have a new friend join our classroom. We would like to welcome Scarlett to the Infant 1 room. The infants enjoy when getting to explore the touch and feel books as I read them. And we have been jamming out to all kinds of music lately. Dance party in the infant 1 room!

Max is walking and practically running around the classroom like he owns the place. Eliana looks like she wants to let go and take some steps independently at any moment. Saige knows that she can get to where she wants to go faster by crawling.

We worked hard to create some great artwork for the July art show.

Ms. Amanda



## Infant 2 Room News:

I hope everyone is keeping cool this summer!

We've been enjoying the more tepid days out in the sunshine over here in Infant 2.

Everyone's growing and changing so much! Addison has settled into the school setting nicely, and loves getting some snuggles. Athena has started eating food, butternut squash is her favorite and she is even trying to sit upright! Violet is always chit-chatting and watching what's going on. Everyone loves when I sing our "good morning" songs to them, especially when I say their name during "Who Came to School Today?"

I hope August is as bright as July!

Ms. Stacey



## Waddler 1 Room News:

This month sure has gone by quick! The children are enjoying the warm sunshine and playing outside. We have had some great summer weather so far. When we are playing outside Asher really enjoys playing frisbee as he loves to chase and watch the frisbee fly through the air.

As this time the children really love to explore so we have added some new toys to our classroom that the children are learning to play with. Some of their favorite toys have been the dinosaurs and smaller sized racing cars. As always if you have any questions or concerns feel free to speak to me.

Have a great month!

Ms. Laura



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# CLASSROOM NEWS CONTINUED!!!

## Waddler 2 Room News:

Hello, Waddler 2 Families! July was a very busy month for our class with the meeting our reptile friends, face painting, and our wonderful Father's Day celebration, and a much-appreciated 4th of July party.

Each of your child's personalities are beginning to shine thru as they are enjoying each other's company and getting to have new experiences with me in their classroom.

Ms. Peggy



## Toddler Room News:

We have seen a tremendous amount of growth in the Toddler classroom! We would like to take this time to highlight how amazing the Toddlers are!

Everyday Ava takes the time to say hello to everyone! She is such a ray of sunshine and makes everyone's mornings. Azaan's morning cuddles are better than coffee! He has the sweetest personality and is always ready to be a friend. Brett is the silliest kid and never fails to make us laugh! Unless he turns into a ferocious dinosaur, then look out! Christopher has blended in beautifully! He loves playing with all his new friends and loves to learn! Cooper and Declan are obviously our favorite 'brothers.' Cooper has been talking nonstop and loves to crack jokes! Declan has the most contagious laugh that always spreads to his friends until everyone is in stitches! Jennessy is the greatest teacher's helper! She is always ready to help her friends, from washing their hands to building towers together, she is there! Leah is our brainiac! She helps me remember our conversations and is there to help calm down our friends (especially Ms. Lorena) when they get spooked by a bug creeping in our classroom. Quincy is our resident book worm! You can always find him reading a book to his friends or offering them a famous Quincy hug. Rounding out our crew is Reid! Reid is talking SO much lately. He always comes in with a giant smile and ready to play with trucks!

Ms. Lorena and I are so lucky to have such a loving and intelligent class!

Ms. Kimmie & Ms. Lorena



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# CLASSROOM NEWS CONTINUED!!!

## Preschool Room News:

Preschool is ready for one very exciting fun filled August!

As our friends play on the playground, they have been enjoying our new outdoor toys. Hazel, Matthew, and Delaney love to kick the kickball back and forth to each other. Juliana, Gianna, and Eleni love to jump rope together.

When the reptile guy came to visit, some of our friends stepped out of their comfort zone to hold or touch some of the slithery snakes. Our class was very interested as they listened to Mr. Tom's gem and fossil presentation. After having to postpone the activity the first time, on our second time around the children were able to enjoy the gorgeous weather while they were able to sift their own gems. Afterwards Marcus, Mathew, and Ave couldn't stop talking about the gems they were going to take home and show their families.

As we celebrated 4<sup>th</sup> of July the children enjoyed the party snacks and the delicious watermelon provided by our amazing families.

We can't wait to see how much fun we are going to have in August!

Ms. Jamian



## Pre-K Room News:

In the month of July, I have been getting acquainted with our Pre-K students. These children are curious, energetic, and always ready to learn. Our class really enjoys nature! While playing in the playground we've talked about the importance of respecting other living things, like spiders and bugs. During our dino dig gem sifting activity the Pre-k students had some awesome questions and comments about the rocks they found while sifting. Some of our friends noticed some gems and rocks were smoother or rougher in texture, other friends noticed size and colors. We spoke about the importance of not littering and keeping the Earth clean so we can continue to see beautiful rock formations.

I would like to take this time to share some of my goals I have for the class. My first goal is to practice the Pledge of Allegiance daily. As our students make their transition from Pre-k to Kindergarten, they will be hearing the pledge during morning announcements every day. It will be great for them to be able to join in and to know the significance of the pledge.

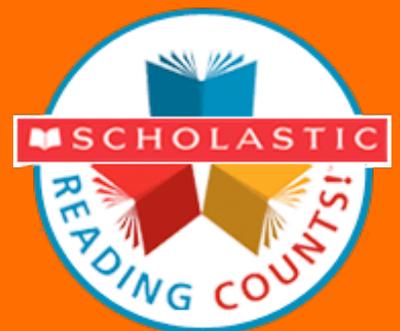
My second goal is to introduce sight words every week that will go hand-in-hand with the theme. Parents, as I plan my weekly lessons, I will choose specific words they can practice during class but also practice and share with family members at home. I am very excited to continue to teach and learn with our Pre-k class.

Ms. Melissa & Ms. Lisa



## SCHOLASTIC BOOKS ORDERS!!!

We will be doing our monthly Scholastic Book orders again! This is a great way to get some children's books for your child's collection and help us earn free books for the school! Orders are due the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month and shipped right to the school for easy pick up. You can order using the order forms or online.



# CLASSROOM NEWS CONTINUED!!!

## School Age Blurb

Hey School Age Parents! July has been a month full of activities for our School Agers! We started the month off with our 4<sup>th</sup> of July party and ended it with our 2nd Annual Art Show. The kids had a great time making Edible Sparklers, and an even better time eating them. We delved into our science sides by doing experiments. Looking at chemical reactions as well as learning how ocean currents work. We got a chance to make some musical instruments just in time for our Talent Show!

We loved showcasing our artistic talents for our Second Annual Art Show. The students worked very hard on their artwork, and they were very proud of what they created. We said goodbye to our friend Mason C this month, as his family is moving out of the area. We will miss him and wish him and his family the very best.

Ms. Amanda & Ms. AnayJah



## Teacher's Corner:

As a child, my mother often described me as “stubborn.” There were certain things I just would not budge on, and once I felt confident in an idea nothing could change my mind. As I grew, so did this “stubbornness.” When my mom used this word to describe me to one of my doctors, the doctor replied, “No, not stubborn. Strong-willed. And when she’s an adult you’ll be thankful.” Sometimes, even coexisting with our children can be taxing. When you have a child, you, in essence, invite a stranger to come live with you – for at least two decades. You don’t know this person beforehand; you don’t know what their interests or their habits will be; you don’t know what makes them tick. Of course, we love our children, but sometimes they’re “difficult.” They’re whiny, demanding, fussy, ill-tempered...stubborn, even.

The doctor was on to something, though. The stubbornness in me that irked my mother so much when I was a child did not disappear as I got older. I saw that doctor again briefly as an adult when I moved back to the Poconos. She told me about the conversation she had years prior with my mom when I described myself as “stubborn.” She challenged me to look at the negative that had been assigned to me since childhood and flip it into a positive. Which is what I challenge each of you reading this to do. How can your child’s “negative” become a positive, and how may that serve them as an adult? For our children to reach their highest potential we must support them exactly as they are, wants and all. We must embrace them as a whole person.

Ms. Stacey

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## TRANSITIONING TO KINDERGARTEN BY JANIS STRASSER

Starting school can be scary and exciting for both you and your child. Effective kindergarten teachers know that children are individuals who each start kindergarten with a wide range of skills. You do not need to drill your child with letters, numbers, and facts, before school starts. But there are some things you can do to prepare both you and your child for kindergarten. Here are some ideas.

- **Send a note to the nurse and to the teacher if your child has allergies or special needs.** Do this even if you have indicated this on other forms already. It may be critical for teachers to know that your child reacts to bee stings, has food allergies, or has hearing or vision modifications. As a parent, you have the responsibility to advocate for your child's health and safety.
- **Visit the school and meet the teacher.** If there is a visiting day to meet your child's teacher and visit her classroom before school starts, make sure to participate. If you missed visiting day or the school does not offer one, call to see if you can arrange a quick visit to see the school and to meet the teacher with your child
- **Start your school routine early.** To reduce stress and get used to new routines adjust new bedtimes or wake up times a few weeks before school begins. Routines are comforting for us and for children. Read a soothing bedtime story every night to help your child fall asleep with comforting thoughts. Do not watch the news or violent programs in the evening.
- **Label everything.** Make sure to label backpacks, lunch boxes - everything your child brings to school. This includes her! If your child's school has not supplied a nametag, make one. It should have your child's name, address, and a phone number where a parent/guardian can be reached, the name of the teacher, and how your child gets home from school.
- **Be positive.** Give your child a smile and a hug, tell her you love her, and wave goodbye.
- **Help your child say goodbye.** Saying goodbye in a new setting can be frightening for some children. When you say goodbye (either at the bus or at school), reassure your child that you will see her later.
- **Avoid behaviors that might upset your child.** For example, try not to cry as you wave to your child through the bus window, don't argue with the bus driver who may be late the first few days, don't force your child to eat a big breakfast (they may be nervous, and it might be better to eat lightly than to have a stomachache).
- **Set aside a time, each evening, to share your child's day.** See if your child has brought home any drawings, paintings, or scribbling. These papers may be very important to your young student. After a few weeks have passed and your child has gotten used to school, ask her about what she played with in the classroom, what stories the teacher read, if she went outside, etc.
- **Read everything the school sends home.** During the first weeks of school children bring home a wealth of information about school routines, important dates, and meetings that you will need to know about. Make sure to check your child's backpack every day.
- **Enjoy being the parent of a kindergartner!** This is your child's first step into primary school and a unique time in childhood. Enjoy!

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# A LOOK BACK AT JULY EVENTS



LUCKY DUTCHMAN GEM SIFTING!!!



ART SHOW!!!



## YOUR FEEDBACK

We appreciate the wonderful feedback we have received so far! Thank you so much! Please support us by sharing that great feedback with others by giving us a 5-star review on our [website](#) or on our [Facebook page](#). Thank you for your help and for being a part of our Bright Beginnings family!