



## April 2023 Newsletter

### AMAZING!!!

*Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring!!!*



Dear Parents,

Yay!! Spring is here and with nicer weather means the children will start spending more time outside. Children should come to school on a daily basis dressed in appropriate play clothes and appropriate footwear.

Bright Beginnings will be hosting a FREE Vision Screening Wednesday April 12th. If you are interested in having your child's vision screened, please have the permission slip completed by Monday April 10th. Permission slips can be found on the entrance desk.

### *You're Invited*

Please join us for our Family Easter Party on Thursday April 6th! If you are interested in joining us for our party, it will be starting at 2:30pm. Come and enjoy yummy treats, a creative Easter craft and an Easter Egg Hunt with your children.



### Dates to Remember

- Apr 5<sup>th</sup> – Dyeing Easter Eggs
- Apr 5<sup>th</sup> – Passover Begins
- Apr 6<sup>th</sup> – Easter Egg Hung and Party at 2:30pm
- Apr 7<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday (Center Closed)
- April 10<sup>th</sup> – Stroudsburg Schools Closed.
- Apr 12<sup>h</sup> – Free Vision Screenings
- Apr 18<sup>th</sup> – National High Five Day
- Apr 21<sup>st</sup> – Earth Day
- Apr 26<sup>th</sup> – Turtle Crawl
- Apr 28<sup>th</sup> – Arbor Day

### April Birthdays



- Apr 11<sup>th</sup> – Ava S
- Apr 19<sup>th</sup> – Gabriel B & Ms. Dina
- Apr 24<sup>th</sup> – Emerson S,  
Matthew S & Helene M
- Apr 29<sup>th</sup> – Lilianna G

# CLASSROOM NEWS!!!

## Infant Room News:

Happy Spring from the Infant Room! In March we read tons of books, learned about baby animals, bugs, the garden, and celebrated St. Patrick's Day.

Additionally, we welcomed a new friend, Ryan to our classroom. He's been settling into our class seamlessly.

Our friends have been working on further developing their gross motor skills so they can take off running to the Waddler Room 😊. We've been focusing on using sign language and increasing ASL vocabulary, as well as sharing and taking turns.

Our younger friends have been working on their gross motor skills, too, with lots of tummy time and floor play. They've been getting more vocal too, and their personalities are really starting to shine!

We are growing and changing rapidly here in the Infant room! Where will April take us?

- Ms. Stacey & Ms. Peggy



## WELCOME OUR NEW STUDENTS!!!

We would like to welcome the new students that started this past month. Let's please welcome: Ryan K to our Infant Classroom and Kristin G to our School Age Classroom.

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

## APRIL WEEKLY THEMES

Week 1: Easter

Week 2: Spring has Sprung!

Week 3: Save Our Earth

Week 4: Pond Life



## 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!!!

## Toddler Room News:

Spring has Sprung and the warmer weather is coming soon.

Some of the fun activities the Toddlers enjoy playing with are the rice and sand bins, listening to stories by Pete the Cat, and they absolutely love creating art projects.

We are working hard at improving our communication skills as we play and share with our friends.

We would also like to welcome Evan and Michael to the Toddler classroom, they have adjusted very well.

- Ms. Amanda & Ms. Karlyn



## Waddler Room News:

Dear Parents,

The month of March has certainly gone by fast! Some of the highlights from this month were reading Dr. Seuss books, dressing up and having our picture taken for Dr. Seuss day and celebrating his birthday with cupcakes.

Some of the skills we are practicing is cleaning up our toys and putting them where they belong on the shelf. And as always being kind and using our gentle hands when we play with our friends.

- Ms. Laura & Ms. Emily



## Preschool Room News:

Goodbye Winter and Hello Spring! Our Preschool class is looking forward to a warm and sunny April!

We would like to Welcome our new friend Logan to our class. He was excited to reunite with some of his friends that recently transitioned from the toddler room.

In the month of March, Ava, Quincy, and Juliana enjoyed learning about Baby Animals. Our other friends Leah and Evelyn enjoyed reading wonderful books by Dr. Seuss for Read Across America.

We have been eager for Spring and can't wait to enjoy the sunshine.

- Ms. Jamian & Ms. Devin



## REFERRAL PLAN

Invite family or friends to visit our center. When they enroll with us you earn \$50 in cash or a \$50 credit towards your next invoice.



# CLASSROOM NEWS CONTINUED!!!

## Pre-K Room News:

March was an exciting month in Pre-K. We had so much fun learning about rhyming words as we celebrated Read Across America and Dr. Seuss's Birthday.

Ava, Marcus, and Ivory really enjoyed the Skittle Color experiment. The children also participated in a Flower Color Change experiment. Luke, Matthew, Gianna, and Aayan were amazed by the way the flowers took on the new colors. Everyone was eager to help build our leprechaun trap but unfortunately, he got away.

We learned about insects and explored the ways they moved.

We ended the month with Growing in the Garden. We had lots of fun making watering cans and planting seeds.

We are starting to practice our Graduation Songs.

This month is going to be a lot of fun as we prepare for Easter. The children are very excited for our Egg Hunt!

- Ms. Carrie & Ms. Lisa



## School Age News:

Hello, hello, hello!

Welcome to April families!!! SPRING IS FINALLY HERE!!!! Let's kick off by saying hello to the newest School Age addition – Kristin! Heeeeyyyyyyyyyy!!!

March was a blast!!!! The children painted cute baby chick wood ornaments for "Baby Animals" week and then they made AMAZING Lucky Charm Art for St. Patrick's Day. These are just a few of the fun activities we did. The children are such TALENTED artists!!!

For this month, the children and I will start some "spring cleaning" and go through the play centers to see how we can make room for new and exciting outlets for educational fun.

- Ms. Crystal



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## Early Math is More Than Numbers

“One... two... three...” you say as you count your baby’s toys for them. Even though your baby can’t solve equations, let alone speak, they are building early math and language skills with each number they hear.

And you don’t need to stop at numbers — there are many early math concepts that you can introduce to your young child, simply through language, play and reading books.

To celebrate Pi Day, an annual celebration of the mathematical sign pi, here are some activity ideas to help introduce early math concepts to your child:

- **Discover geometry:** Shapes are a big part of geometry. Labeling different shapes — from squares to circles to stars — will help your child start to associate the words with the shapes, setting the early foundation of geometry. With toddlers and preschoolers, look at two- and three-dimensional shapes, so they can see how each object looks and functions. Blocks in different shapes are a great tool to use for this.
- **Play with volume:** If you cook in the kitchen, you are already using volume. For babies and toddlers, start by using words like teaspoon, tablespoon, cup, pint and quart while you are cooking to get them familiar with the terms. Preschoolers can help you measure out ingredients using measuring cups and spoons. You can play fun games that teach incremental volume: how many tablespoons does it take to fill a quarter cup? How many cups go into your quart measuring cup?
- **Use comparisons:** Many math lessons will involve word problems and comparisons as early as kindergarten. The more familiarity that your child has with comparison terms, the easier it will be for them to understand the word problems. You can create opportunities for your child to learn to compare by using toys of different sizes and words like more, less, lighter, heavier, bigger and smaller.
- **See how tall they are:** By the time they are preschoolers, most children become interested in how tall and how heavy they are. One idea to help talk about height is to chart their growth on a wall, showing how tall they are each year. For preschoolers, you can also begin to introduce units of measurement like inches and feet by helping your child use a ruler to measure how much they have grown.
- **Reading books:** Reading is an excellent way of introducing math language and concepts to your child. Books are a natural entry point that make learning math fun in the early years. Engaging your child in the math in storybooks build on their interest, discoveries and questions. Here are some great children’s book recommendations that are full of wonderful math concepts:
  - ***More, Fewer, Less*** by Tana Hoban
  - ***Uno, Dos, Tres / One, Two, Three*** by Pat Mora
  - ***Ten Black Dots*** by Donald Crews
  - ***The Napping House*** by Audrey Wood

Through simple language and play, young children will start to learn essential early math and STEM skills. And remember, especially for babies and toddlers, just hearing these words early and often helps plant the seed for your future mathematician.

**Read to your children, it’s  
the best investment you will  
make in their education.**



# A LOOK BACK AT MARCH EVENTS



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



## 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!