



May 2023 Newsletter

MAY FLOWERS ARE HERE!

Spring is in full force, kind of!!!



Dear Parents,

Spring is a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can be!

The Spring weather has been beautiful, and the children have been enjoying their time outside!

A message has been sent out regarding Sunscreen and Bug Spray Permission Forms. If you would like teachers to apply sunscreen and/or bug spray to your child, please make sure have submitted to Permission Forms and bring in the related item to be applied. As always please apply once before arrival. Don't forget to bring a change of clothes for your child that is appropriate for the season.

When dropping your child off, STOP at the classroom gates, do NOT enter the classroom. When exiting the building, children are NOT permitted to activate the exit button. Please help us enforce this safety rule. Also, when entering and exiting the building, please make sure the doors are closed securely. As always please refrain from talking on your cell phone at drop-off and pick-up times. All students are required to have their meals stored in a **lunch box** containing an **ice pack** to help perishable foods from spoiling. We have limited refrigerator space.

Happy Mother's Day: Bright Beginnings wishes all our mom's a very happy Mother's Day. For all that you do, every day should be Mother's Day! Join us on May 12th @ 2:30pm for Mother's Day Tea!

happy
MOTHER'S
day



Dates to Remember



- May 2nd – S'mores Day
- May 3rd – Picture Day Waddler & Pre-K
- May 4th – Picture Day Infant, Toddler & Preschool
- May 5th – Cinco de Mayo Party
- May 8th – Mother Goose Story Time
- May 8th thru 12th – Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 10th – Mother's Day Card & Craft Day
- May 12th – Mother's Day Tea Party @ 2:30pm
- May 16th – Mischievous Monkey Snacks
- May 22nd – Virtual Space Field Trip
- May 25th – Nat. Airplane Day
- May 29th – Memorial Day (Center Closed)
- May 31st – Desert Obstacle Course Day

MEMORIAL DAY

Bright Beginnings remembers and honors all the men and women who have given their lives in defense of our nation.



WELCOME OUR NEW STUDENTS!!!

We would like to welcome
Isabella C
to our Infant Classroom and
Ms. Danielle as our assistant
floater teacher

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



MAY BIRTHDAYS!

- May 1st – Azzan S.
- May 3rd – Ava O.
- May 4th – Nathan L.
- May 5th – Parker R.
- May 5th – Juliana L.
- May 6th – Evelyn N.
- May 9th – Brett M.
- May 12th – Ms. Linda
- May 16th – Aden T.



MAY WEEKLY THEMES

Week 1: Camping Fun!

Week 2: Fairy Tales

Week 3: Rainforest

Week 4: Space & Astronauts

Week 5: Way Out West



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 15th of the month and shipped right to the school for easy pick up. You can order using the order forms or online.



CLASSROOM NEWS!!!

INFANT ROOM 1 NEWS:

Hello Infant Room Families!

Spring has Sprung in the infant room and our babies are growing as fast as the buds on the trees.

Our older infants are working on their gross motor skills as most of them are walking instead of crawling. They are using their fine motor skills as we encourage them to eat with utensils during mealtimes.

Our younger infants are working on their core strength because before we know it those littles ones will be wanting to sit up unassisted. We are also trying to foster their independence as we encourage self-soothing techniques.

We would like to welcome the most recent flower to our bunch, welcome Isabella!

Happy Spring to all!

- Ms. Stacey & Ms. Peggy



WADDLER ROOM NEWS:

This month our Waddlers were busy, dyeing Easter eggs, and having fun at the Easter egg hunt. We planted seeds and had fun playing in our sensory bin with water and silk flowers in it.

The weather sure has been nice, and the children are really enjoying playing outside. Please remember to bring a seasonal extra change of clothes.

Have a great month!

- Ms. Laura & Ms. Emily



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!!!

TODDLER ROOM NEWS:

Wow, where did all this warm weather come from? Please note that we go out as often as we can, so please make sure your child is wearing appropriate seasonal clothes and please apply sunscreen before coming to school in the morning.

Toddlers are working on their self-help skills as they are encouraged to independently put on their own socks and shoes, pull up their pants after toileting/diapering, and clean up after meals and toys they play with.

They have been working hard at following directions, they are encouraged to use their words to solve problems and share with their friends.

We have been talking to the children and using some Sign Language. If you would like a set of Sign Language cards sent home, please let us know.

During playtime the children are really loving the hand on activities. If there are any special activities that your child likes to do and we can participate in the activity here at school, please share.

- Ms. Amanda & Ms. Karlyn



SCHOOL AGE NEWS:

Hello, hello, hello!

Welcome to May!!! The weather is finally changing – YAY!!!!

April was amazing!!! The children had a blast at the Easter party, painted beautiful bird suncatchers for the classroom, and planted flowers for Save the Earth Week.

For this month, the children and I will start preparing for the summer as school is coming to an end. Summer fun, here we come!!!!

-Ms. Crystal



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



CLASSROOM NEWS CONTINUED!!!

PRE-K ROOM NEWS:

FUN, FUN, FUN. April started with so much excitement, we dyed eggs, had an Easter party with our families, had an absolute blast at our Easter Egg hunt and even had a visit from the Easter Bunny.

We welcomed some new friends to our Pre-K class Eleni, Hazel, Delaney, Juliana and Brett. The children are now learning some new words and greetings in Spanish. They are also learning about vowels and are doing amazingly.

We learned about Earth Day! We shared ideas of things we can do to keep our Earth safe. The children's favorite ideas were remembering not to litter and how to recycle our garbage. Everyone was eager to help build our recycled Robot. We learned about all the cool animals and organisms that live and grow in ponds, the children thought learning about ponds was so interesting.

Graduation practice is in full swing, and the children are doing a fantastic job learning the graduation songs. And their new classmates that will be graduating next year are showing great support.

We are so excited to see what the month of May will bring to us.

- Ms. Carrie & Ms. Lisa



Pre-K Graduation Information Coming Soon



Lifetouch® - Picture Day will be on May 3rd and 4th starting at 9:00am.

Reminder – Now that Spring is finally here, Summer is just around the corner. For all School-Age parents, don't forget to enroll your child in our Summer Program. Spaces are limited.



PRESCHOOL ROOM NEWS:

Our Preschool students have had a very exciting Spring so far. During our Easter party the Easter bunny came to visit, and then children loved the egg hunt and finding eggs with yummy goodies inside of them.

The class was very interested in watching our caterpillars grow and make a cocoon. Finally, we saw a butterfly hatch out of the cocoon, it was so pretty.

We learned how to recycle during Save our Earth week. And we are looking forward to making s'mores during camping week.

As always, we are enjoying this warm Spring weather and playing outside on the playground.

- Ms. Devin



Teacher Appreciation

Bright Beginnings is truly blessed to have the teaching staff that we do! Every teacher is a shining example of what a great teacher is. But what makes a good teacher? How do you know if a teacher is truly great? Teachers are creative, can think on their feet and are never not thinking about teaching. They are ever-observant and take mental notes on how life experiences can be turned into a lesson plan for 'their kids'. They know how to take charge and be a leader and do not except failure. Our teachers take teaching very seriously. Every lesson plan, calendar, and communication they compose is done with great thought and always with the child in mind.

We could go on and on, but the most important characteristic of a teacher is their capacity to love, and they do love with every fiber of their being. The kids are more than just bodies in their room, the kids become children of each teacher. A little piece of a teacher's heart goes with every child from their class. A great teacher never forgets even one of her 'kids' and still loves them even after they are gone from their class. Take time this month of May to thank your child's teacher!

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PLAYING OUTSIDE: WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO KIDS

By: Danette Glassy, MD, FAAP & Pooja Tandon, MD, FAAP

No matter what the weather brings, playing outside is good for kids. There is scientific evidence that playing outside improves health, and children of all ages love it. And we know that the more time a child spends in nature, the more likely they are to grow up to be good stewards of our planet—an environmental win!

Bringing baby outside. The earlier you share nature with your baby, the more likely they are to develop a life-long love of the outdoors. Even infants and toddlers can play and learn in nature. Take a walk through the trees using a carrier or stroller. Throw down a blanket on the grass or soft earth. Let your baby enjoy the fresh breezes, bird songs, forest smells and plant textures. Give them some outside tummy time, blowing bubbles for them to reach for and watch glisten in the sun. Young children are developing and learning from every experience.

More engaged in learning. Playing outside promotes curiosity, creativity and critical thinking. Studies have found that children who spent more time in nature exploration had improved learning outcomes.

- Build nature sculptures with twigs, leaves, cones, rocks and more by sticking the collected items into a play dough base. Ask your child what kind of patterns they see with the different items. Or, let your child play in mud with old pots, pans, utensils and household tools to develop senses and motor skills.
- Bike or walk with the family in your neighborhood or find a new park to explore. If you have a bicycle trailer or your child is able to bike, get some exercise while enjoying the outdoors. Describe what you see along the way and talk about the weather. Use a lot of details to help them learn new words and engage all their senses.
- Take story time outside. Grab a blanket, some books and find a shady spot to read with your child outdoors. Pick books that talk about nature and help your child make connections.
- Outdoor playdates. Meet up with friends outdoors to build social connections for both children and adults.
- Hold a nature scavenger hunt or start a nature collection. Look for local plants, trees, animals and birds. Collect rocks, acorns, leaves or pinecones. See how many items children can find on a list, or gather objects to add to a collection.
- Leave a trail. Organize with parents of your children's friends to send kids on "secret spy missions." One family goes on a walk with sidewalk chalk, drawing arrows and letters along the way to spell out a secret message. The other family must then follow the arrows along the way to record the letters in the message.
- Have a ball. Kicking a soccer ball, throwing a frisbee, jumping rope or playing any sports you all enjoy can keep the outdoors fun as children get older.

Finally, take advantage of the healing power of playing in nature—near your home or neighborhood, or wherever you feel comfortable. Getting outdoors, being in nature, and moving our bodies is good for everyone!

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A LOOK BACK AT APRIL EVENTS



EASTER EGG HUNT 2023!!!



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!