



August 2023 Newsletter

LAST MONTH OF SUMMER!!!

Let's enjoy every moment!!!



Dear Parents,

School is right around the corner. Wow, summer went by fast! 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 your child's bus number as well as bus pick-up and drop-off times. Thank You.

Our Annual Pocono Cheesecake Fundraiser Has Begun!

The Annual Cheesecake fundraiser started on Monday July 17, 2023, and **will end on Thursday August 10, 2023.**

We will be collecting ALL order forms and money on Friday August 11, 2023, SELL, SELL SELL!!!

Please Join Us for Our Bright Beginnings



Friday August 4th starting at 3:00 pm
Go to ALL the Classrooms and Check out the Student's
Awesome Art!



Dates to Remember

- Aug 2nd – Michael Angelo Under the Table Coloring Day
- Aug 4th – Art Show @ 3pm
- Aug 9th – Mark Mysterio Magician Show @ 10am
- Aug 11th – National Son & Daughter Day
- Aug 14th – Coconut Bowling & Hot Pineapple Day
- Aug 15th – National Back to School Day
- Aug 18th – End of Summer Luau with Bouncy House
- Aug 21st – Create a School Bus
- Aug 24th – Scavenger Hunt
- Aug 25th – Family Collage
- Aug 28th – First Day of School SASD
- Aug 29^h – Guess What Classmate Game
- Aug 31st – Create My Family Art Picture



**STROUDSBURG
SCHOOLS START
AUGUST 28th**

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!!

Happy birthday to you,
Happy birthday to you,
Happy birthday to....



- Aug 3rd – Bella W
- Aug 11th – Cameron S
- Aug 13th – Jade P
- Aug 16th – Garrison N
- Aug 21st – Charlotte D
- Aug 22nd – Eliana D
- Aug 24th – Isabella B
- Aug 26th – Scarlett W



WELCOME OUR NEW STUDENTS & STAFF!!!

We would like to welcome all the new students that started this past month. Let's please welcome Emmary R, Elijah L, Xsevyn S, and Aaron "AJ" D. We also welcome Ms. Gail and Ms. Kianna, our new part-time assistants!

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



CLASSROOM NEWS!!!

Waddler Room 1 News:

In July we celebrated the 4th of July of course! The children made red, white, and blue fireworks with paint. Boy did they enjoy spattering paint and then watching it expand!

We welcomed two new friends to our classroom, Elijah and Xsevyn. We are happy to have you in our class. And we would like to say goodbye to Nathan and Parker as they transition into the Toddler class. Enjoy the new opportunities!

Every day is a new adventure in the Waddler room, and we can't wait to see what September will bring.

- Ms. Laura & Ms. Emily



AUG WEEKLY THEMES

Week 1: Let's Celebrate Art!

Week 2: Summer Scientist



Week 3: Goodbye Summer Bash



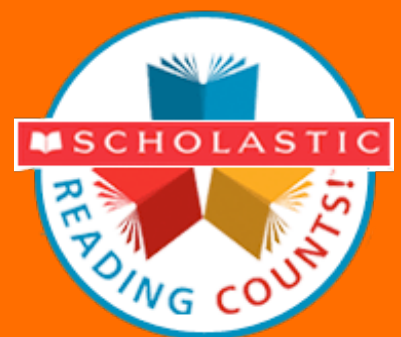
Week 4: Back to School

Week 5: All About Me!



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 CONTINUED!!!

Waddler Room 2 News:

Hello Waddler 2 Parents!

Where has the time gone? We only have a couple weeks left of summer. I can't believe that we have been in our room for almost a month now. Everyone seems to be having a great time. My friends are getting the hang of the new routine. And we welcomed two new friends Emmary and Brielle to our classroom.

A few of our favorite things over the last few weeks was eating the Jell-O snack, getting our faces painted, having our dads/ male role models come out to have donuts with us, oh and we can't forget about the Reptile Guy Pete came out to show a bunch of really cool reptiles.

We can't wait to get a little messy as we get ready for our annual art show coming up at the end of the month.

At the end of the month, we will be saying fairwell to Athena, we all wish her and her family the best as they start their new journey.

- Ms. Amanda



Toddler Room News:

Hey Toddler Parents,

It's been a great summer so far. Let's start off by welcoming Ms. Danielle. She is our new lead teacher. We are very excited to have her and look forward to all the fun new learning experiences coming our way.

We've been doing lots of fun things this summer. All the kids are enjoying getting wet in the sprinkler in the nice hot weather we've been having.

We started off the summer by commemorating the 4th of July. The children got to do a fun tie-dye shirt project and they were able to wear their shirts as we celebrated the red, white and blue.

The ocean commotion theme took us exploring. We watched a virtual video of the deep blue sea and learned about underwater sea life. Our teachers made us a yummy Jell-o snack with sharks hidden inside, that tasted so yummy! Everyone enjoyed the game we watched at the end of the video as we guessed the different sea animals. Learning is so much fun!

The Toddlers would like to welcome Nathan and Parker to our class. Come and enjoy the fun! Also, we would love to welcome our new teachers, Ms. Gail and Ms. Kianna to Bright Beginnings. Can't wait to see what fun we'll have for the rest of the summer!

- Ms. Danielle & Ms. Karlyn



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CLASSROOM NEWS CONTINUED!!!

Preschool Room News:

Hey there Preschool families! July started out with a BANG! We practiced our hand and eye coordination by stacking cups and knocking them over with a ball. Our friends loved hearing the sound that reminded them of July fireworks. For a science project we created our own firework display by using a mason jar, food coloring, water, and oil. In art, fireworks were created by using toilet paper rolls and the colors red, white, and blue. Those colors were used through the whole week to really show off our strong American pride!

From our land to the sea, we dove into our ocean theme. We used play-doh and outline mats to practice staying inside the lines shaped like ocean fish friends. We practiced our writing skills by spelling out some of our fish friend names and explored what an ocean environment is like using our sensory table. We had the most fun during gross motor time, pretending to be fish and swimming through our very own coral reef.

After splashing around in the water, we learned about animals with dry, scaly skin... REPTILES! We learned about lizards and snakes, alligators and crocodiles, turtles and tortoises. We pretended to be reptiles ourselves as we had a tortoise race. The races were close, and some won by just a hare! Even though pretending to be a reptile was fun, we unanimously can say we had the most fun seeing real reptiles at our school presentation!

We shook it up as we moved and grooved into our musical jamboree. We had fun dancing around during music and movement while we learned about rhythm, beat and tempo. We even learned about different musical instruments and the sounds they make. We created our own sounds by turning a tissue box into a guitar! We also used our own bodies to make sound as we stomped, clapped, and tapped our hands and feet. Our friends have learned so much this month and continue to grow!

- Ms. Devin



POCONO CHEESECAKE FUNDRAISER



From July 17th thru August 10th, we are having our 4th annual Pocono Cheesecake Fundraiser! Our goal is to sell 300 cheesecakes which will help us make enhancements to our classroom equipment, supplies and books. Help us reach our goal! Inquire of family, friends and/or coworkers if they would like to order a delicious cheesecake or 2 or 3!

CLASSROOM NEWS CONTINUED!!!

Pre-K Room News:

Hello Pre-K Families! Hope you're having a wonderful summer!!! July was hot, hot, hot...exciting and so much FUN!!! Summer is in full swing and so is our "Water Play" days, the children are loving it. We teachers are having a blast as well, even Mrs. Dina joined us for some fun.

We started our month with learning about our beautiful country and honoring our flag. We learned the importance and significance of the Stars and Stripes on our flag. We wore our cool red, white, and blue tie dye shirts, they came out so awesome and we marched around to some patriotic songs.

"Ocean Commotion" was a real SPLASH, learning about some cool ocean creatures and ocean life. Shark awareness day was probably our favorite day, there are so many different types of sharks. The children had a blast on the virtual ocean field trip. Pre-K and Preschool joined together for some yummy sea creature Jell-O on eat your Jell-O day.

Reptile week was cool, the children's creative juices were flowing as they used bright colors for their chameleons and coming together as a group to paint and put together an anaconda. What an amazing team they are.

Our "Musical Jamboree" brought out quite the performers. Marcus and Luke can really bust a move. We learned about and made our own instruments; we learned about music from different countries and cultures, and we did some line dancing.

As it is Summertime, the learning continues. We love watching these beautiful little minds grow. Evelyn's writing skills are getting good, and she is sharing her skills with her friends helping them grow their skills too. Gianna also gave her friends a little lesson on how to create a pattern while making snakes with pipe cleaners and pony beads. We love how the children interact with each other. They truly care about each other; beautiful friendships are formed here.

Oh, last but not least, don't forget about our "Pocono Cheesecake" fundraiser... sell, sell, sell!

As always, so excited to see what August brings, continue to stay safe and enjoy the rest of your summer.

- Ms. Lisa and Ms. Carrie



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CLASSROOM NEWS CONTINUED!!!

School Age News:

Hello, hello, hello and welcome to August!!!

July was so cool!!! The children finally got to indulge in some very-needed water play every Tuesday and Thursday which has been awesome. We will continue to keep it going.

We would like to welcome AJ to our classroom. He fit right in and has made new friends from the second he walked in the door.

The children love getting crafty. During art we created firework painting with pipe cleaners, made our own reptiles with magic clay, and created tropical rainforests with construction paper, paint, and cotton balls.

Some highlights for the month included Leo teaching the toddlers about chain reactions while playing with dominoes together, Avery working on and getting better with his tracing. We got a new kitchen for the dramatic play center; the kids went wild for the new upgrade and Ms. Crystal and Mrs. Linda have been getting better fake meals in the morning for breakfast. #Yum

As we are getting ready to head back into another school year, we ask that the children receive a "home" reminder about the respect that we must show each another as well as the way we choose to communicate. Both things are important, and we want to ensure they understand.

Thank you so much and let's finish this summer out strong!!!

- Ms. Crystal, Ms. Meghan & Ms. Rose



Infant Room News:

We are sailing through summer so quickly and having a blast!

Last month, our oldest friends moved up to the Waddler 2 classroom! We will miss you Athena, Addison, and Violet and we are excited for your new opportunities to explore and grow. We also welcomed two new friends to our crew – Finley and Leo. Adjusting to the noise level of the classroom of seven infants presented its own challenges for them, but they've settled into the classroom and love to play with all our cool toys!

Bryce and Grace are officially on the move and love to explore the play area. Colin has become quite the chatterbox and thinks he's the funniest guy at Bright Beginnings. Ryan loves jumping in the bouncer and working his muscles. Isabella has been busy working on her core strength and loves interacting with her friends and teachers.

We're looking forward to all the fun August will bring!

- Ms. Stacey & Ms. Peggy



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DEALING WITH PROBLEMS AT SCHOOL: TIPS FOR PARENTS

At some point during your child's school years, their teacher may ask you to come to school to discuss a specific concern or issue. If this happens, schedule the meeting as soon as possible, since most problems are best dealt with early.

During this parent-teacher meeting, some parents feel they are on the defensive and are unsure how to react. Here are some helpful tips to keep in mind:

1. Do not feel threatened. The development of most children is uneven, and there is often one area of a child's performance that could use improvement. Withhold judgment and listen carefully to what the teacher has to say.
2. Ask for specifics about what's happening. For instance: "Could you give me an example of what is taking place? How often is this happening? How does the teacher and the other students respond to this particular behavior? Is this an isolated episode or a pattern of behavior?"
3. Be open to the idea that situations within your family might be contributing to your child's difficulties. Share them as you deem appropriate (such as a recent job loss, move, or death in the family).
4. As you discuss the problem and possible solutions, approach the situation as a partnership. Look for ways to work together and improve the situation.
5. If the problem is relatively uncomplicated, you and the teacher may decide during your conversation what action needs to be taken.
6. Before the meeting ends, determine how and when you will follow up with each other to evaluate the success of the interventions and the progress of your child. What are the things you will be looking for to judge their progress (for instance, misbehaving less in class)? And how will this progress be communicated to you?
7. If you feel that the opinion of another professional would be helpful in evaluating the problem or suggesting possible solutions, speak with the principal or another member of the support staff (counselor, nurse, psychologist). This can be with or without the teacher present. You also might decide to seek out an independent opinion from someone outside the school system. Ask your pediatrician for their opinion or for a referral.

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A LOOK BACK AT JULY EVENTS



P.T REPTILE VISIT!!!



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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!