

April 2024 Newsletter

AMAZING!!!



April Showers, Bring May Flowers!!!

Dear Parents,

Winter is over, and spring has made its way into our lives, YAY! It tends to rain a little more in the Spring which helps the plants and flowers grow. The word "spring" may date back to the 14th century, perhaps originating from the phrase "springing time." But now that the sun is in the sky longer and birds are chirping, and flowers are blooming, it's that time to get outside with the children.

Children should come to school on a daily basis dressed in appropriate outdoor wear, play clothes and appropriate footwear. We appreciate your cooperation.



Bright Beginnings will be hosting a FREE Vision Screening Wednesday April 24th. 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.





Dates to Remember

- Apr 1st Silly Hat Day
- Apr 2nd Wear Blue for Autism Awareness Day
- Apr 2nd PB&J Day
- Apr 3rd Create Sock Worms
- Apr 4th Rock Painting
- Apr 10th Egg Nest Cookies
- Apr 16^h I Am A Meteorologist
- Apr 18th National High Five Day
- Apr 22nd Earth Day
- Apr 24th Vision Screenings
- Apr 30^h Frog Race

April Birthdays



- Apr 4^h Trent A.
- Apr 6th Jamia W.
- Apr 19th Gabril B. & Ms. Dina
- Apr 20th Nolan R.
- Apr 24th Emerson S
- Apr 28th Greyson L. & Jeremiah R.

CLASSROOM NEWS!!!

Infant Room News:

Hello Infant Room Parents!

Can you believe March is over, Happy Spring!

We ask that you send your child in each day wearing their shoes and jacket appropriate for the weather as we will try to get our class outside as often as possible.

In March we welcomed two new (and may I say adorable) students to our class, Scarlett and Olivia. What a joy they are to have in our room!

Our older students are mastering the art of walking, and our younger friends are all working on their motor skills and their core strength. Each of your children are doing well and are on their way to meeting all of their milestones. We are so proud of them all and encourage them to be proud of themselves.

As always, we wish you all the best,

- Ms. Peggy & Ms. Briana





WELCOME OUR NEW STUDENTS!!!

We would like to welcome the new students that started this past month. Let's please welcome Olivia V and Scarlett C to the infant room.

We would also like to welcome our new Assistant Teacher Ms. Anna.

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



APRIL WEEKLY THEMES

Week 1: Growing in the Garden

Week 2: Spring has Sprung!

Week 3: April Showers

Week 4: Save Our Earth

Week 5: 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! <u>Orders are due the 15th</u> 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:

Happy April, Toddler Room Grown-ups!

Last month brought a bit of wacky weather and, unfortunately. A fair number of illnesses to our classroom. We're sincerely hoping we're through the woods now and April will be less germy!

We've been learning and playing a lot! We've gotten to enjoy the playground most days and playing games on the beam when the weather's less than ideal. Many of the kids have been engaging in pretend play; Gabe and Charlie love to play "grocery store," and Maddie and Parker like to pretend to be kitty cats, with each other. James and Max love to build tall towers in the block center, then pretend to be monsters and knock them down! Scarlett and Joel can often be found "cooking" in dramatic play. Emerson has been teaching his friends how to play Red Light, Green Light (they still need some practice with stopping for the red light s). Asher loves to drive cars around the dollhouse and knows our whole circle time routine by heart. Their vocabulary has really been flourishing as well!

We're looking forward to all the adventures April will bring for us!

- Ms. Stacey & Ms. Karlyn



Waddler Room News:

Dear Parents,

The month of March has flown by! We are anticipating Spring and the warmer weather!

Our Waddlers are talking so well and using so many words. We are so proud of them as we watch them GROW!

Some of the highlights from the month of March were sitting down reading and enjoying Dr. Suess books and wearing pajamas to celebrate Cat in the Hat Day.

We also learned about baby animals and bugs. The Waddler enjoyed counting them. Breille can count to TEN, Great Job Brielle!

- Ms. Laura & Ms. Devin



Cook's Corner:

I hope everyone has been enjoying the nice warm weather that we have been having. Things are going well in the kitchen. What are some of your favorite springtime meals and snacks? I would love to add some new things to our menu. I will have a box at the check in, check out table.

Remember they need to be healthy foods.

- Chef Amanda



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Pre-K Room News:

Hello t+here Pre - K Families,

Whew!!!! March was a fantastic month! So, busy and so, much fun!!! I Hope all who celebrate had a wonderful Easter.

The Month began with us celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday/Read Across America. We read a different Dr. Seuss book everyday which became the theme for the day. We made Truffula trees, we ate Green Eggs and Ham, had a Wacky Wednesday, Crazy Sock Day, and a Fun filled Pajama/ movie Cat in The Hat Day with time shared with our preschool friends. I'm so proud of our students that showed such great enthusiasm to read their favorite stories to their friends that week during our shared time in the morning. Delaney, Eleni, Leah, Declan, John and Logan all did a fabulous job!

Such excitement during Baby Animal week, which was shared with us getting ready for Saint Patrick's Day. We learned about baby owls and the life cycle of chickens. The children came up with great ideas for our Leprechaun Trap, we learned about the colors of the rainbow and made a rainbow road to lead that mischievous Little Leprechaun to our trap. We didn't catch that sneaky little guy, once again he stole our gold, drank our milk, ate our cookies and left an absolute mess but he did leave us some yummy treats. Hopefully, we will have better luck next year.

Insect week was fun and interesting learning about different insects and their significance to our environment. We had a blast making ladybug cookies and ants on log. It was a creepy crawly week, but a great learning experience.

Our month ended with our Easter week celebration. We read Easter stories, created fun bunny art, dyed Easter eggs and ended off the week with a fantastic Easter party and Easter egg hunt. Fun time had by all.

March was an amazing month, can't wait to see what April brings to us.

April is Autism Awareness/ Acceptance month, little things to do to show support, wear blue, remember inclusion is within everyone's ability - it matters! "In a world where you can be anything, be KIND" ... "Love needs no words."

- Ms. Lisa



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



CLASSROOM NEWS CONTINUED!!!

Preschool Room News:

Hello, Preschool Families:

March was an exciting month as we celebrated Dr.Seuss' birthday. We read lots of good books for read across America week. Some of the books we read were, The Cat and the Hat, The Cat and the Hat Comes Back, One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish and Moo Moo which is a story about being kind to our friends.

We celebrated St. Patrick's Day and tried to catch that tricky Leprechaun, he colored our milk GREEN, and we enjoyed yummy green snacks. We also learned about baby animals, different types of nature's insects and garden growing. We talked about things in a garden like bugs, flowers, vegetables gardens and how the sun helps our gardens grow.

We had lots of fun coloring eggs for our egg-travaganza and looking for eggs during our Easter Egg Hunt!

We are looking forward to the warm weather coming up so we can search for outdoor critters. Our preschoolers will be having more outdoor activities as the weather gets warmer so buckle up, excitement is on its way....to be continued ③ God Bless

- Ms. Sonia & Mr. Terrance

School Age News:

Hello! Welcome to April and hopefully some warm weather! March was great! The children got to enjoy some days outside to play Freeze Tag and Red Light, Green Light. They also covered the ground with beautiful chalk drawings and math problems. During Dr. Seuss week, they made an awesome Dr. Seuss board with Ms. Gail. They talked about community helpers with Ms. Julia and even read a book and played a guessing game with Ms. Crystal. Let's not forget all the excitement they showed when Ms. Meghan was in the room. What a great month!

As a reminder, I am asking the parents to speak to the children about using their walking feet. Whether getting off the bus, trying to get to the bathroom to wash their hands for a snack, and/or getting ready to go outside, the children must remember to use their walking feet.

- Ms. Crystal, Ms. Gail, Ms. Julia & Ms. Meghan



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15 Ways to Celebrate Earth Day with Kids

Every spring, my neighbors gather in a <u>local park</u> for a community clean-up day. It's a gentle nudge to emerge from our winter hibernation, breathe fresh air and connect with each other. Together, young, and old alike pick up litter, plant flowers, and rake the remaining fall leaves so there's plenty of room to get outside and play in the park's green spaces. At the end of the workday, we're all a little dirty, a lot tired, and the park is ready to provide endless amounts of memories. While this annual clean-up tradition is fun, it also acts as a reminder for all of us (the youngest among us included!) to <u>take care of the environment every day</u>.

When it comes to kids, a commitment to caring for our Earth (and all the living things on it!) is often <u>caught, not taught</u>. I can tell my kids all the time that it's important to <u>reduce, reuse, and recycle</u>, but I have to model it in our everyday life together, too.

Young children have a lot to teach us grown-ups about caring for our planet. As I watch my four kids grow, I marvel at their innate curiosity and genuine care for living things. When my son reminds me to turn off the running sink or asks if we can plant wildflowers for the bees in our neighborhood, I'm reminded conservation is not just for adults. Kids are never too young to appreciate nature and care for their communities by tending to the environment.

What better way to help your children foster an <u>empathetic relationship with our planet</u> — than by celebrating Earth Day together with some fun activities?

From <u>playing nature bingo</u> to planting a <u>DIY terrarium</u>, these fun (and simple) activities will help point kids back to the wonder of the great outdoors and help you foster conversation about why it's important for us all to take care of our planet long after <u>Earth Day</u> is over!

Whether you opt to embark on a nature walk or get crafty with an eco-activity at home, we've rounded up some kid-approved games, crafts, and activities to help your family learn how to be responsible, empathetic neighbors who take care of the earth.

Resources: PBS Kids for Parents Author: Kayla Craig

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A LOOK BACK AT MARCH EVENTS



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 <u>website</u> or on our <u>Facebook</u> page. Thank you for your help and for being a part of our Bright Beginnings family!

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