



January 2025 Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



What's happening at Bright Beginnings!!!

Happy 2025!! Every year we are so very grateful to be a part of the lives of the children at our center and their wonderful families. Bright Beginnings wishes that 2025 is filled with an outpouring of blessings for you and your family!

We would like to thank all of our parents who participated in donating gifts from our Giving Tree! We helped children from Monroe County Children & Youth Services have a better and Brighter Christmas. Again, Thank you so much for your generosity!

All of the staff here at Bright Beginnings want to say thank you for all the lovely Christmas gifts. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness.



We hope you had a Wonderful Holiday

It's tax season. If you are interested in receiving your 2024 childcare tax statement, please message Ms. Dina.

Winter is upon us and if we are experiencing inclement weather, please access our Facebook page, website, or Lillio for any announcements regarding delays, early dismissals or closings. S



Dates to Remember



- Jan 1st – Center Closed
- Jan 7th – Classroom Yoga
- Jan 15th – Ice Painting
- Jan 17th – Ice Skating Fun
- Jan 20th – Martin Luther King Jr Day, SASD schools closed
- Jan 23rd – Penguin Races
- Jan 27th – Stroudsburg schools 2hr delay (Act 80)
- Jan 31st – Silly Hat Day

January Birthdays



- Jan 1st – Serenity B
- Jan 3rd – Finley N
- Jan 7th – Xzaiver M
- Jan 8th – Conner K
- Jan 14th – Carter O & Mila V
- Jan 15th – Scarlett C-L
- Jan 22nd – Ms. Laura
- Jan 23rd – Iriana C-Y
- Jan 26th – Isabella C
- Jan 28th – Declan M

CLASSROOM NEWS!!!

Infant Room News:

Hello Infant Families: Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

In December we decorated our gingerbread cookies and had a wonderful bookfair. Thanks to all our wonderful parents who purchased books, Keep reading!

This month we will concentrate on our healthy selves and talk about winter and its animals.

As always, Be safe out there! We wish all of our families a happy and healthy New Year!

- Ms. Peggy



Waddler Room News:

Hello Waddler Parents! I hope everyone has had a Merry Christmas and we wish you a Happy New Year!

We want to welcome our new friend Scarlet to the class. She has adjusted well to our routine and fits right in with all our waddler friends.

The month of December was a busy month, here are some highlights. Our waddlers enjoyed making Christmas cards for their families, making Gingerbread Cookies, and eating them all up, Yum! They also exchanged tasty treats and some of our friends' exchanged gifts for the holiday.

Most of all they loved having Santa visit.

- Ms. Laura & Ms. Jessica



WELCOME OUR NEW STUDENTS!!!

We would like to welcome the new students and staff that started this past month. Let's please welcome David M. to our Toddler classroom. Abigail K. and Messiah M. to our Preschool classroom. Scarlet M. to our Waddler classroom and her sister Willow M. to our School Age classroom We would also like to welcome Ms. Sarah as our new Preschool assistant teacher.

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



JAN WEEKLY THEMES

Week 1: Happy New Year!

Week 2: Healthy Me!

Week 3: Snow & Ice

Week 4: Arctic Animals

Week 5: Messy Monsters



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!!!

Toddler Room News:

We're excited to share some classroom news! A warm welcome to our new student, David—we're so happy to have you join us!

Our Hibernation & Migration theme was a fun way to teach the children how animals prepare for winter. After our discussion, the children enjoyed creating polar bear paintings, which was a big hit!

For our Harvest theme, we explored what fruits and vegetables can be planted or harvested. The children shared their favorite ones to eat and helped make a classroom scarecrow by stuffing newspapers into clothes. We had so much fun making it look real—and a little scary!

The Fairytale theme was magical! The children painted butterflies and crafted their own magic wands with glitter and foam stickers. Their excitement in showing parents their creations was priceless. Hearing "Look what I made in school today!" brought smiles to everyone.

It's been a joy to see the children learning and creating through these themes! We wish you all a Happy New Year!

- Ms. Ruhma



School Age News:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! We hope everyone had a happy holiday and that 2025 brings you nothing but positive days and great success!

Last month, the children exchanged tasty treats, made ornaments, and played in the snow. They also had a blast participating in our first-ever Scholastic Book Fair. There were books and trinkets everywhere and boy, did they go crazy.

We would like to welcome Willow M. to our classroom. She has made new friends and enjoys playing with them in dramatic play.

To kick the new year off, we will go over some housekeeping things with the children as a reminder of the classroom expectations. We will also have a few discussions to find out what the children would like to see in the classroom to increase their exploration and learning.

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

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!!!

Preschool Room News:

HAPPY 2025!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and have a great New Year celebration. Thank you so much for the thoughtful and generous gifts!

We're excited to welcome two new students, Abigail K. and Messiah M., to our classroom. We're so happy to have you join us!

December was a busy and exciting month in Preschool! We started by sharing our favorite fairytales and dancing to Disney music. Our *Winter Fun* week ended with a thrilling PreK/Preschool room snowball fight—no one wanted to stop playing! The highlight for many was *Tasty Treats* week, where we baked gingerbread cookies and had a treat exchange.

The children also made Christmas presents and cards for their parents. We wrapped up the month learning about winter holidays around the world, including Christmas, Kwanzaa, and Hanukkah. Our month ended on a festive note with breakfast with Santa and singing Christmas carols in pajamas!

Looking ahead to January, we'll begin by learning how to stay healthy, then explore ice and arctic animals, and finish the month with a fun *Messy Monsters* theme.

As flu season continues, we kindly ask that you monitor your children's health and keep them home if they're unwell. We're taking extra measures in the classroom to minimize the spread of germs.

Here's to a wonderful month ahead and a fantastic 2025!

- Ms. Darian and Ms. Sarah



TAX STATEMENTS

**If you are interested in receiving your
2024 Childcare Tax Statement, please message
Ms. Dina through our Lillio app.**

CLASSROOM NEWS CONTINUED

Pre-K Room News:

HAPPY NEW YEAR, Pre-K Families!!! I hope this message finds you all happy and healthy!

Another year has flown by, and December was truly a FUN and EXCITING month.

We kicked off the month with Fairytales, focusing on the morals of the stories. During Winter Fun Week, we made snowflakes, built snowmen, and had an epic snowball fight with our Preschool friends—it was soooo much FUN! On Saint Nicholas Day, the children were thrilled to wake up from their nap to find sweet treats in their shoes after hearing the story of St. Nicholas.

Tasty Treat Week was as SWEET as it sounds! We shared delicious goodies and practiced fine motor skills by drawing, coloring, and cutting out gingerbread men, Christmas trees, and stars. Our creative bunch really impressed us!

During Christmas Week, we learned about Christmas, the meaning of Hanukkah, made menorahs, and had fun with dreidels. We also explored other holidays celebrated during this season. The children worked on Christmas cards and family presents with so much excitement. We sang Christmas songs in both English and Spanish, adding a special touch to the festivities.

A highlight was when Isabella, Declan, and Quincy brought in their favorite books to read to their friends. They did an amazing job! I love seeing the children not only share their books but also confidently read to their peers, who listened so attentively.

As we welcomed the New Year, the children reflected on their hopes for the year ahead. They made party hats and a group fireworks banner to celebrate.

Our afternoon activities with Preschool friends have been so much fun! It's heartwarming to see the friendships forming and how they care for each other.

As you know, I don't believe in luck, but I do feel truly BLESSED to teach this amazing group of children. Watching them learn and grow is such a joy.

I can't wait to see what 2025 holds for us! Here's to a GREAT start to a WONDERFUL year ahead. Love and blessings to all!

- Ms. Lisa and Ms. Marcie



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School and Illness: Should Your Child Stay Home?

When your child is sick, it's important to know when they should stay home from school. If they have a contagious disease, keep them home. This will help them get better faster and keep their teachers and classmates from getting sick.

When Your Child Is Too Sick

Talk to your child's doctor or health care provider if you are unsure if they should stay home from school. As a general rule, your child should not go to school if they have:

- A fever over 100.4° Fahrenheit (F) or 38° Celsius (C) – Your child can return to school after they've been fever-free for 24 hours without antipyretics. Antipyretics are medicines that treat or prevent fever.
- Signs they are weak and tired. This is common with the flu.
- Diarrhea – Having loose poop (stool).
- Throwing up (vomiting) – More than 2 times in a 24-hour period.
- Coughing - disrupts normal activity.
- Wheezing or getting short of breath.
- Pain from earache, headache, sore throat, or recent injury.
- Yellow or green drainage from the eye(s).
- A new rash – Not all rashes mean your child must stay home from school. Check with their doctor or health care provider.
- Is unable to participate in their daily routine which includes outdoor play.

Contagious Disease

A contagious disease is one that can be spread by close contact with a person or object. Your child must stay home from school if they have a contagious disease.

COVID-19

Flu

Common Cold

RSV

Pinkeye (conjunctivitis)

Measles

Chickenpox

Strep throat

Whooping cough (pertussis)

Good hand washing will help prevent the spread of germs. Teach your child to wash their hands often, especially after using the bathroom and before eating. Wash hands with soap and warm water. Wash for 20 seconds, or the time it takes to sing the ABCs or Happy Birthday. They may also use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. It must contain at least 60% alcohol. Rub on hands until dry.

If your child is contagious, ask their doctor or health care provider when they can go back to school. Contact their school before returning. Diseases can be spread to other children through classmates, teachers, shared supplies, and more.

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A LOOK BACK AT DECEMBER 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 [website](#) or on our [Facebook](#) page. Thank you for your help and for being a part of our Bright Beginnings family!