



APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS!

Dear Parents,

As the saying goes "April Showers Brings May Flowers," but not only did we have rain showers we also had snow!

Hopefully the Spring weather will return, and children will be spending more time playing outside on sunny days! A message has been sent out regarding Sunscreen Permission slips. If you would like teachers to apply sunscreen to your child before going outside, please make sure you have submitted the permission slip.

As always please apply sunscreen once before arrival.

Don't forget to bring a change of clothes for your child that is appropriate for the season.

Thank You



UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 1 – Picture Day
- May 2 - Pond Process Art
- May 7 to 9 – Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 5 - Fun with Cornstarch
- May 8 - Mother's Day Card & Craft Day
- May 9 - Mother's Day Tea Party
- May 12 to 14 - Parent / Teacher Conferences
- May 16 - Rainforest Obstacle Course
- May 21 - Fizzy Space Rocks Experiment
- May 26 - Memorial Day (Center Closed)
- May 30 - Dress like a Cowboy or Cowgirl! Yee-Haw! Let's Dance

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 9th @ 3:00pm for Mother's Day Tea!





Major Happenings



WELCOME OUR NEW STUDENTS AND STAFF!!!

We are excited to welcome Ms. Angel and Ms. Jocelyn as our new Floating Assistant Teachers! We're thrilled to have you join the Bright Beginnings team—welcome aboard!

We're also happy to welcome Olivia C. to our Preschool classroom. We look forward to watching her learn and grow with us!

PICTURE DAY

Picture Day will be on **Wednesday April 30th** (Infant, Waddler, Toddler & Siblings) and **Thursday May 1st** (Preschool Classrooms & Pre-K Classrooms Spring and Graduation). Please return the picture forms to your child's teacher On or Before picture day.

MEMORIAL DAY

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



Pre-Kindergarten
Graduation
June 5th at 6:15

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
To You

May 05 - Ms. Angel
May 10 - AJ D.
May 12 - Thea D.
May 12 - Ms. Linda
May 29 - David M.



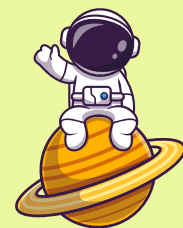
MAY WEEKLY THEMES

Week 1: Sensory Adventures

Week 2: Rainforest & Teacher Appreciation Week



Week 3: Space & Astronauts



Week 4: Way Out West





Classroom News

INFANT ROOM

Hello Infant Room Parents,

Snow in April—who would have thought?! Hopefully, that was the last of it and warmer weather is finally here to stay.

April was a busy and exciting month at the center! We painted rocks, celebrated Easter, learned about Earth Day, and even had our pictures taken.

In May, we look forward to learning about our rainforest friends, exploring what it's like to be an astronaut, and discovering life as a cowboy living Way Out West!

Your children are growing and changing so much each day, and it is truly a pleasure to have them in our class. As always, please continue reading to your child daily—every little moment makes a difference!

Ms. Peggy & Ms. Sakiylah



SPRING PARENT – TEACHER CONFERENCES

We are pleased to offer in-person only Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences, scheduled for **May 12th, 13th, and 14th**. We encourage all parents to attend—this is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's growth, development, and classroom experience.

WADDLER ROOM

Hello Waddler Room Parents,

April flew by in a flash! Our Waddlers are eagerly waiting for some beautiful spring weather and can't wait to get outside and enjoy it.

Here are a few highlights from April:

Our Waddlers had a blast with our weather science experiment—we made it rain in a jar! Using shaving cream as our "cloud," we added rainbow-colored water with a pipette.

They watched with excitement as the cloud filled up and began to "rain" once it couldn't hold any more. We also painted rocks for our garden, adding a splash of color to the outdoors!

We've also noticed how much our Waddlers love birdwatching from our classroom window—it's become a favorite daily activity.

And of course, we ended the month with lots of smiles during our Easter Egg Hunt and a special visit from the Easter Bunny!

Ms. Laura & Ms. Jessica





Classroom News

TODDLER ROOM

Hello Families:

We have made some exciting changes in our Toddler classroom. We have introduced some new learning material for circle time. We will be introducing number recognition in English and Spanish, color and shape recognition and letter recognition.

Some of our highlights from April were watching the children enjoy rock painting with bright colors like purple and pink for the garden. They also were very interested in the rain experiment as we filled up a shaving cream cloud with rainbow water to make it rain.

During our Easter week, the children had a lot of fun finding Easter eggs on the playground and most of the children enjoyed the visit from the Easter bunny.

As we learned about Earth Day, the children painted using recycled items like empty bottles, and a toilet paper roll. We discussed what is good for earth and what's bad for earth and how to keep our earth clean.

We are looking forward to May as we will learn about the rainforest as well as space and astronauts. We are also looking forward to picture day as the children will be dressing up to take pictures with their class.

Mr. Luis



With heartfelt gratitude, we thank our teachers for all they do, every day, in every way! Your dedication, patience, and love make a lasting difference in the lives of our children.



PRESCHOOL ROOM

Happy May Preschool Families.,

I want to start off by welcoming our new friend Olivia and her family.

During the month of April, we celebrated Autism Awareness. For Earth Day we talked all about how we can save our Earth.

All of our friends had so much fun with our Easter party and Easter egg hunt. Thank you to all the parents who participated and came to our egg hunt!

May 5-9 starts Teacher's Appreciation week so let's make sure we give some extra love to all of our teachers! We will also be continuing to work on our tracing and cutting.

Stay tuned on Lillio to see what fun things we have planned for the month of May!

Just another reminder, with the weather improving we will be going outside and on the playground a lot more so weather appropriate clothes and shoes are asked to be worn.

Let's have an amazing month!

Ms. Darian & Ms. Sarah





Classroom News

PRE-K ROOM

Hello Pre-K Families,

These months are flying by!!!

The first week of April was heartfelt and fun-filled as the center turned into a sea of blue in honor of Autism Awareness Day. Pre-K and Preschool came together to create a beautiful poster to represent the day and month. We also made some really cool jester hats and painted colorful rocks to place in our garden.

During April Showers Week, we learned how important rain is for our gardens and the environment. Along with the sun, rain helps bring us not only beautiful flowers but also fruits and vegetables! The children got a taste of what it's like to be a meteorologist and report the weather—and boy, did we have FUN!!!

Our Easter Week celebration was an absolute BLAST. We read Easter stories, created fun bunny art, dyed Easter eggs, and wrapped up the week with a FANTASTIC Easter party and egg hunt. A fun time was had by all...

We celebrated Earth Day by learning the importance of keeping our planet clean. We picked up garbage outside, learned about recycling, and did science experiments to understand the damage plastics and oil spills can cause to the environment. We even created some amazing art using recycled materials.

Pond Life was a SPLASH! We explored the life cycle of a frog and learned about the fascinating animals, plants, and insects that make up this unique ecosystem.

Graduation practice has officially begun and the children are doing wonderfully. We're having so much FUN and they're getting so EXCITED!

I could go on and on about this AMAZING bunch, but you'll have to wait for the May newsletter to hear all about our next adventure. Stay tuned!

Ms. Lisa & Ms. Marci



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Classroom News

SCHOOL AGE ROOM

Saying hello to May and all the beautiful flowers!

Last month, the children made jester hats with Mrs. Linda and Ms. Rose for April Fool's Day, painted with recycled items, decorated Easter bags, and dyed Easter eggs. The annual Egg-stravaganza and Egg Hunt were also a huge success!

This month, we'll explore topics like reptiles, the rainforest, and even take a trip into space—complete with our very own space rocket, built and decorated by the children! We'll wrap up the month learning about the Wild West and preparing for Memorial Day weekend.

As the days grow warmer, we'll be leaping into fun outdoor activities—from group games to nature walks—to make the most of the beautiful spring weather. Plus, with Mother's Day around the corner, the children will create something special to show their appreciation.

We can't wait to see the joy and excitement they bring to all these wonderful experiences!

Ms. Crystal, Ms. Rose & Ms. Meghan

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!

TEACHERS





Raising Kids

TEACHER APPRECIATION: PREPARING CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL

May 5–9 is Teacher Appreciation Week—a time to recognize the hard work and dedication of teachers. Educating children while managing different learning styles and behaviors is no easy task. Many teachers go above and beyond, often using personal time and money to support their classrooms. While we work toward ensuring teachers have the resources and compensation they deserve, parents can show appreciation by supporting their child's learning and preparing them for school.

How Parents Can Help:

1. Prepare Children for School:

Teaching basic social skills and emotional awareness at home helps children transition smoothly into the classroom and reduces disruptive behavior.

2. Social Skills to Practice:

- Getting Along with Others: Encourage respect, turn-taking, and consideration of others' feelings.
- Taking Turns: Create age-appropriate rules at home and model how to take turns fairly.
- Following Directions: Helps children adjust to classroom routines and expectations.
- Saying Goodbye: Create a short, consistent goodbye routine to ease separation anxiety. "The Kissing Hand" by Audrey Penn is a great story for this.
- Following Routines: Consistent daily routines at home make it easier for children to adapt to structured school days.
- Sticking with Tasks: Encourage perseverance and explain that learning takes practice and patience.

3. Build Emotional Intelligence:

Help children identify and express emotions. Use phrases like "You seem sad" or "You look excited" to build emotional vocabulary and empathy. This strengthens communication and emotional awareness, both of which are key for social success.

By helping children develop these foundational skills, parents play a vital role in supporting both their child's success and their teachers' important work.

Dr. Popkin, "Teacher Appreciation: Preparing Children for School", *Active Parenting*
<https://activeparenting.com/teacher-appreciation-preparing-children-for-school/>



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A Lookback at March Events



YOUR FEEDBACK

We appreciate the wonderful feedback we have received! Thank you so much! Please support us by sharing that great feedback with others by giving us a 5-star review on our [website](http://www.bright-beginnings.org) or on our [Facebook](#) page. Thank you for your help and for being a part of our Bright Beginnings family!

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