



LAST MONTH OF SUMMER!



Dear Parents,

Can you believe the 2025–2026 school year is just around the corner? It's hard to believe how quickly summer is flying by! While we're a little sad to see the season winding down, we're also excited for all the fun and new experiences the upcoming year will bring.

In the meantime, we plan to enjoy every last bit of summer! Please continue to send your child with their bathing suit, towel, and water shoes each day. Unfortunately, if they come without them, they will have to sit out during water play, as we do not have extra swimwear available. Let's make the most of these final sunny days!

Bright Beginnings is preparing our classroom rosters soon so, please provide Ms. Dina or Ms. Linda with any schedule changes (at least two weeks in advanced notice).

School Age parents please let us know your child's bus number as well as bus pick-up and drop-off times.

Thank You.



**STROUDSBURG SCHOOLS
START AUGUST 25**



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 1 - Annual Art Show
- Aug 5 – Blow Up Balloon Experiment
- Aug 13 - Musical Drawing
- Aug 19 - Create a Hawaiian Lei
- Aug 21 - End of Summer Luau & Bouncy House
- Aug 22 - Bright Beginnings CLOSED (In-Service Day)
- Aug 25 - First Day of School for Stroudsburg Area School District
- Aug 25 - Discuss & Create a Back-to-School Rule Chart
- Aug 27 - My Family Art Picture
- Aug 29 - Stroudsburg Area School District CLOSED in Observance of Labor Day



Major Happenings



WELCOME OUR NEW STUDENTS AND STAFF!!!

We are excited to welcome Ms. Mariane as our new full-time Assistant Teacher! We're so happy to have you on our team—welcome aboard!

We'd also like to extend a warm welcome to our newest students: Zeilani H. in the Infant classroom, her big brother Zaedn I. in the Preschool classroom, and Silas B. in the School Age classroom. We're thrilled to have you all with us!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS



We place Scholastic Book orders monthly! 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.



FRIDAY AUGUST 29TH
SASD CLOSED

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
To You



Aug 3 - Bella W.
Aug 4 - Willow M.
Aug 5 - Keyrie K.
Aug 14 - Calvin K
Aug 21 - Artie B-A.
Aug 23 - Everly S.
Aug 25 - Jensen N,
Aug 26 - Scarlett W.

AUGUST WEEKLY THEMES

Week 1: Summer Scientist



Week 2: Musical Jamboree



Week 3: Goodbye Summer Luau



Week 4: Back to School





Classroom News

INFANT ROOM

We hope all of our families had a fun and safe 4th of July holiday! July was packed with some exciting themed weeks and sweet memories here in the Infant Room. First, we're excited to introduce our newest friend, Zeilani, who's settling in wonderfully.

We started the month with Camping Week, where our little ones listened to nature sounds and made paper tents. We also made band-aid butterflies!

Next, we roamed, stomped, and roared through Dinosaur Week! The infants enjoyed stomping along to a dinosaur stomp song. We colored our dinosaur feet and even played with a dinosaur stuffed animal that had everyone reaching out in curiosity.

Lastly, we sailed through Pirate Ship Week, where we sang sea shanties, played with water toys, and explored treasure gems. There were lots of giggles and plenty of "Ahoy, matey!" moments all around!

In August, we're looking forward to celebrating two birthdays as our friends turn the big ONE!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for sharing your amazing little ones with us. We can't wait to see what fun August brings!

Ms. Peggy & Ms. Sakiylah



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.



WADDLER ROOM

Hello Waddler Room Parents,

The month of July sure was a lot of fun! Our waddlers enjoyed water play on the nice hot sunny days, as they love to splash in the water.

We started our month out with a bang as our waddlers enjoyed making red, white, and blue tie-dye T-shirts for the 4th of July. They watched inquisitively as they sprayed the colors on the shirts and observed them spread and blend together.

As the waddlers are growing so much and preparing to transition to the toddler room, they are doing a great job sitting during circle and story time. We are so proud of them!

As we wrapped up July, the children enjoyed creating all types of art to present to our families during our annual Art Show. We hope you all enjoyed it.

Ms. Laura & Ms. Brenda





Classroom News

TODDLER ROOM

Hello Families:

We had a fun July as we started off the month by tie-dyeing a shirt red, white, and blue. Then we made flags and streamers to celebrate America.

Next, our dinosaur friends came to our classroom, and we learned how their footprints became stuck in sand, which then became hard like a rock. Afterwards, we enjoyed a presentation about fossils from the Lucky Dutchmen and sifted sand to separate our gems and fossils. We found different types of colorful rocks, placed our findings in bags, and took them home to share with our families.

During Pirate Week, we made a pirate ship and sailed the ocean blue. We defended our ship during our sponge bomb water fight—everyone had a great time!

During Ocean Commotion, we made sun catchers in the shape of a jellyfish, played with sharks and fed them, and even went fishing using pipe cleaners as our fishing rods.

Lastly, we created lots of beautiful artwork for our Art Show.

We are sad that the end of summer is near, but we will celebrate with a luau and bouncy house, and we are looking forward to that!

Mr. Luis & Ms. Alana



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SCHOOL AGE ROOM

Welcome to August—fall will be here soon! We want to welcome Silas and Calvin—glad to have you with us!

July was an amazing month. The children created some cool tie-dye shirts for Independence Day and awesome fossils for Dino Week. The gem presentation was mesmerizing, and the children enjoyed it. We sailed on our classroom boat with Jolly Roger through Pirate Week to Ocean Commotion Week, where we made our sand desserts—yum! And as usual, Art Week was phenomenal! The children created beautiful masterpieces and couldn't wait for everyone to see them at the Art Show.

This month, the children will put on their scientist jackets and experiment like they've never done before. From magic milk to invisible ink to color explosions, we will try it all. We will dance, dance, dance during Musical Jamboree Week, and then we will end our summer with a Luau as we get ready to head back to school.

School Age Fun Fact for August: The Perseid meteor shower occurs every August and is one of the best meteor showers of the year! It's caused by Earth passing through the debris left behind by a comet. You can see dozens of shooting stars per hour, and it reaches its peak around mid-August.

Ms. Crystal,
Ms. Tiffany &
Ms. Rose





Classroom News



PRESCHOOL & PRE-K ROOMS

Hello there Preschool and Pre-K Families. Hope you're having a wonderful summer!

We want to welcome our new friend Keyrie to our classroom. We are so glad you have joined us! July was HOT, HOT, HOT, exciting, and so much FUN! Summer is in full swing and so are our "Water Play" days. The children are loving it, and we teachers are having a blast too.

We started our month off 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, which came out so awesome, and we marched around to some patriotic songs!

Dino Week was awesome. We learned about different dinosaurs and prehistoric times. The children had a great time learning about different gemstones, and of course the most fun was sifting through the sand to find our very own gems and fossils to take home.

During Pirate Week, we read books about the history of pirates, learned some pirate songs, and made some really fun art. It was absolutely fantastic having the entire center join together for our wet sponge pirate fight. It was so much fun with lots of laughs.

"Ocean Commotion" was a real splash learning about some really cool ocean creatures. We read some fun books and created amazing art projects. Pre-K and Preschool joined together for a yummy sand dessert.

Our creative juices were flowing during Art Week. We absolutely loved watching the children create, from Michelangelo paintings to foil art, sculptures, round table group art, and so much more. The children were so excited to have their families come to our Art Show to see their creations!

We have some fantastic activities and events lined up for August, so stay tuned. August, here we come!

Ms. Lisa, Ms. Marci and Ms. Mariane

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Raising Kids



WHY YOU SHOULD PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO YOUR CHILDCARE CENTER'S POLICIES

Understanding your childcare center's policies is crucial for several important reasons:

- Ensuring your child's well-being: Policies on health, safety, and emergency procedures directly impact your child's security and health while in care. For example, reviewing illness policies and hygiene practices will help you understand how the center manages potential health risks and protects children from illness.
- Creating a smooth transition and consistent environment: Knowing the daily schedule, drop-off/pickup procedures, and disciplinary approaches will help your child adjust to the center's routine and maintain consistency between home and childcare.
- Promoting positive communication and engagement: Clear communication policies and expectations for parent involvement enable open dialogue between you and the caregivers, fostering a sense of partnership and trust, according to playto.com. This strengthens the relationship between home and center, benefiting your child's overall development.
- Building trust and confidence: Transparent policies about staff qualifications, background checks, child-to-staff ratios, and accreditation demonstrate the center's commitment to quality care, increasing your confidence in their services.
- Facilitating informed decision-making: Understanding the center's approach helps you ensure it matches your child's needs, empowering you to engage in their learning and make confident choices for their future.

Tips for staying informed

- Read the parent handbook thoroughly: This document serves as a comprehensive guide to the center's rules, expectations, and procedures.
- Attend orientation sessions and parent-teacher conferences: These opportunities allow you to ask questions and engage in dialogue with center staff.
- Utilize digital communication channels: Many centers use email, apps, and online platforms to share information and updates. Make sure you are connected and checking these channels regularly.
- Don't hesitate to ask questions: If you have any doubts or concerns, initiate conversations with your child's caregivers or the center administration.
- Participate in center events and activities: Engaging in activities not only strengthens the bond with your child but also fosters relationships with other parents and staff.

By actively paying attention to the center's policies and fostering open communication, you can ensure a positive and enriching experience for your child and build a strong partnership with the childcare providers.



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A Lookback at July 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](https://www.facebook.com/brightbeginnings) page. Thank you for your help and for being a part of our Bright Beginnings family!

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