



FALL IS HERE!!! SO MUCH WE CAN DO!!!

Dear Parents!

Just yesterday we were having fun in the hot summer weather playing in the sprinkler, and all at once summer collapsed into Fall. Now it's time for sweater weather. How did that happen so fast?? Fall is in the Air and we are preparing for Fun Fall Festivities! Don't forget to bring in an extra set of clothes appropriate for the season.

We began our new school year with children familiarizing themselves with their teacher, classroom routine and friends, and now they are ready to take on a new adventure in learning.

"The road to anywhere begins in the classroom." - Hubert Humphrey

Our Halloween Parade and Trunk-or-Treat will be held on Friday October 30th at 3:00. We will be looking for families to volunteer and decorate their vehicle trunks and give out candy to the children. Please let us know by Friday October 16th if you would like to participate. We would also like to remind our families that during the parade children are to remain with their classroom teachers during the parade. Please do not approach the children during the parade. This is to maintain the safety of our children and staff.

We will be scheduling our Parent/ Teacher Conferences in November, please look for more information to follow.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct 6 - Vehicle Show & Tell
- Oct TBD - Fire Department Visit
- Oct 12 - SASD Closed in observance of Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Oct 14 - Fire Cup Knockdown
- Oct 15 - Smokey the Bear Presentation
- Oct 20 - Leaf Resist Art
- Oct 23 - Fall Fun Pajama Day
- Oct 27 - Pumpkin Painting
- Oct 30 - Halloween Trunk-or-Treat Parade at 3pm

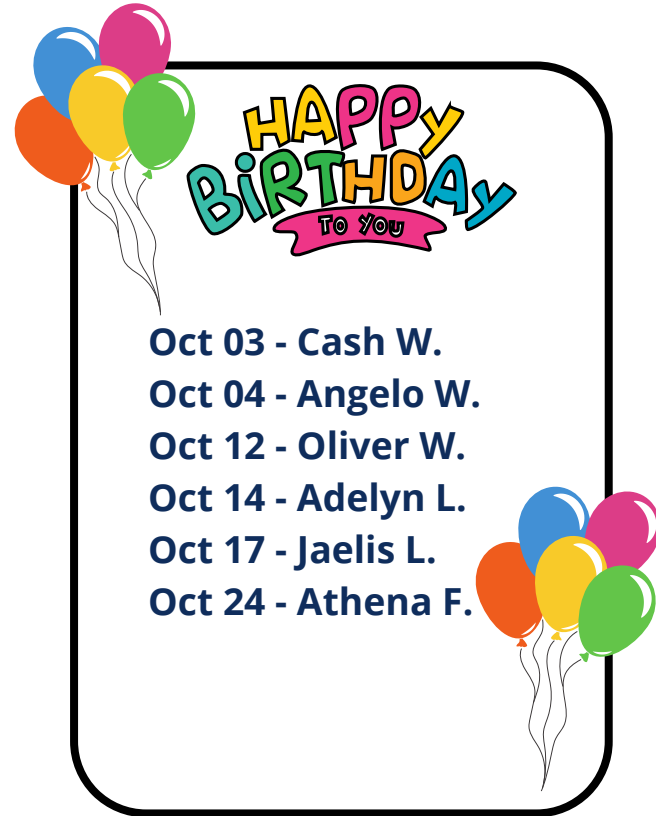




WELCOME OUR NEW STUDENTS!!!

A warm welcome to **Evelyn S.**, the newest member of our Infant classroom!

We're so happy to have you join our Bright Beginnings family!



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.

OCTOBER WEEKLY THEMES

Week 1: Transportation



Week 2: Fire Safety



Week 3: Fall

Week 4: Halloween





Classroom News

INFANT ROOM

Hello Infant Parents,

Summer has come to an end, and autumn is rushing in.

In September, we shared family pictures and celebrated all the members of our families by creating family collages to display in the classroom. We also welcomed our wonderful grandparents into the center for a visit. Then we had our fall pictures taken, explored our emotions, and learned about our five senses at the end of the month.

Our friend Felix has graduated to the Waddler room and is doing great! Sadly, we have said farewell to our friend Harlan. He will be missed!

In October, we will learn about modes of transportation and fire safety, talk about autumn and its weather, and have our annual costume parade! Feel free to dress up and join us for the fun!

Ms. Peggy & Ms. Katie



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,

September was a fun month! We began the new school year by learning about our families and pets. We talked about the sounds pets make and the kinds of pets our friends have at home. The children really enjoyed the visitor who came to teach us how to care for our pets. We even had a chance to pet Rubble, our friend's guinea pig!

We ended September by learning about our emotions and five senses. The children practiced pointing to the emotion they were feeling and saying whether they were sad, happy, or mad. Great job, Waddlers! We also talked about kindness and ways to show it to our friends. During our five senses theme week, the Waddlers enjoyed a variety of sensory play activities.

- Ms. Laura & Ms. Melanie





Classroom News

TODDLER ROOM

Dear Toddler Parents,

What a wonderful start to a new school year! Our toddlers have been busy learning, exploring, and getting to know themselves and their friends through lots of fun, hands-on activities.

We practiced classroom routines and learned how to follow directions, share, and use kind words. We also became more comfortable in our classroom environment..

We celebrated what makes each child special! The children explored their names, interests, and favorite things and learned that everyone is unique and wonderful in their own way.

We talked about the people and pets who are special to us. The children enjoyed sharing pictures and stories about their families and their furry, feathered, or scaly friends!

We learned to recognize and name different feelings, such as happy, sad, angry, excited, and calm. We practiced using our words to express how we feel and showing kindness to our friends.

Then our little scientists explored sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch through exciting sensory activities. We discovered that our senses help us learn about the world around us!

We are so proud of all the learning, growing, sharing, and exploring happening in our classroom. We can't wait to see what adventures lie ahead!

- Ms. Brenda & Ms. Jessica





Classroom News

PRESCHOOL ROOM

Hello Preschool Families! Hope you're having a wonderful summer!!!

We would like to welcome Renley L. to our classroom and welcome back Jovielysse M.! What a joy it is to have you both in our preschool classroom family!

Our preschool friends learned so much in September, including the letters B, H, and M and the numbers 1, 2, and 3! Little by little, their knowledge continues to grow.

During September, the preschoolers learned about classroom rules and expectations. They have done a great job settling into their new routine and making new friends. We also learned about our families and our friends' pets. The children really enjoyed "Pet Show and Tell," which gave them a chance to speak in front of the class and share fun facts about their pets.

Emotions, big or small—we go through them all! Our preschoolers learned ways to handle their emotions and enjoyed associating colors with different feelings. For example, yellow represented happiness, and pink represented love!

We look forward to an exciting new month filled with new lessons and discoveries!

- Ms. Mariane & Ms. Teresa



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SCHOOL AGE

Hello School Age Parents!

September was a month of settling back into school routines, reconnecting with old friends, and meeting new ones. The children adapted well, showed excitement for the new school year, and demonstrated confidence while exploring new activities.

Through our themes of All About Me, Family & Pets, Feelings & Emotions, and My 5 Senses, we watched the children practice self-expression, show empathy, and develop their observation skills. These early-year themes helped both the children and staff feel supported and ready for the months ahead.

With October here, we welcome cooler air, colorful leaves, and the start of cozy hoodie weather. We are so excited! Outdoor learning is so much fun. We'll discuss movement and how things work during Transportation week. Then we'll review important reminders and lessons about Fire Safety. As fall settles in, the children will observe seasonal changes during our Fall theme week. We'll end the month with creative and imaginative fun while making Halloween crafts.

Ms. Crystal, Ms. Rose, Ms. Tiffany & Mr. Ian



Classroom News

PRESCHOOL PREP

Hello, Preschool Prep Families!

September was an incredible month! We kicked off the new school year and welcomed the arrival of fall. I absolutely love fall, and I hope you do too!

Our students began September by reintroducing themselves and creating family portraits that showcased their artistic talents. They also made cards for their grandparents and celebrated with them the following day, enjoying cookies, puzzles, and games together. A special thank-you goes to Finley's grandparents for their thoughtful gift of puzzles and chalk for our classroom! During the first week, we also introduced the number 1, the letter Bb, the color red, and the circle.

Next, we learned about families and pets. The children were excited to meet Asher's pet guinea pig! Thank you to Asher's mom for bringing it in and teaching us about it. We also created a family collage and focused on the letter Hh and the number 2.

During our third week, we explored feelings such as happy, sad, and mad. The children drew faces expressing these emotions on paper plates, showing wonderful creativity! We also introduced the letter Mm and the number 3. That week included picture day, and it was delightful to see everyone dressed in their best outfits. We love watching the children grow and learn!

We concluded the month by exploring our five senses: touch, hearing, smell, sight, and taste. Activities such as finding toys hidden in rice and popping popcorn helped the children discover how their senses work. We also reviewed the letters B, H, and M and the numbers 1, 2, and 3.

Ms. Aleida





Classroom News

PRE-K ROOM

Hello Pre-K Families! Happy Fall, Y'all!

September was a BLAST! Let's start by welcoming Addison, Brielle, David, Ellie, James, Jay, Kanai, Noah, Olivia, Rayne, Robert (Bobby), Rowan, and Skarlette to our Pre-K classroom. Everyone has settled in very nicely, and I'm loving watching all the new friendships form!

The month started with our students telling us about themselves and the things they enjoy. We are definitely going to have an exciting year—there is so much talent in this room! We had a wonderful afternoon meeting the children's grandparents during our Grandparents Day celebration. We shared snacks and made some fun keepsake crafts. Everyone had a great time!

Family and Pets week was so much fun! We shared pictures of our families and pets and learned about the special people in our lives. All the pictures were placed on our family wall. We even took a class picture to add to it. We are family, too!

Feelings and Emotions week was very productive. We talked about our feelings, the importance of using our words to express ourselves, and ways to respect one another's feelings. We also began visiting our classroom affirmation wall. The children love saying the affirmations each day, reminding them how special each and every one of them is!

The children are doing a wonderful job learning the alphabet, numbers, days of the week, and months of the year in English, Spanish, and sign language. The color of the month was RED. I love hearing them roll their R's in Spanish!

During our Five Senses week, we took nature walks, went on scavenger hunts, participated in a blindfolded tasting activity, and explored different smells and textures. We even made scented play dough. There was so much to explore!

Johnny Appleseed Day was exciting! We read about his adventures and how he became an American icon by planting apple seeds that grew into beautiful apple trees. We also painted some beautiful apple trees of our own.

This is going to be an amazing year. I can't wait to see what October brings!

Ms. Lisa & Ms. Marci





Raising Kids

FIRE SAFETY: PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY FROM A HOME FIRE

A fire can spread through a home in minutes. Help protect your family with working smoke alarms and a practiced escape plan.

Smoke alarms save lives

Install alarms inside and outside sleeping areas and on every level, including the basement.

- Test monthly and follow the manufacturer's battery replacement instructions.
- Replace alarms every 10 years.
- Keep alarms clean, and never paint them.
- Use accessible alarms for anyone who is deaf or hard of hearing.

Plan and practice

Practice your family's escape plan at least twice a year.

- Identify two ways out of every room.
- Choose an outdoor meeting place.
- Assign adults to help young children and anyone needing assistance.
- Teach children to leave immediately, never hide, and call 911 from outside.
- Use stairs, never elevators.

During a fire

- Check closed doors for heat before opening them. If a door is hot or smoke is coming through, use another exit. Crawl low beneath smoke and close doors behind you.
- Leave belongings and pets behind. Once outside, never reenter. Tell firefighters if anyone is missing.
- If trapped, close doors, block gaps with towels, call 911, and signal from a window.
- If clothing catches fire, **stop, drop, and roll**, covering your face with your hands.

Inform babysitters

Review your escape plan and leave your address and emergency contacts readily available. Remind sitters never to leave children alone.



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A Lookback at September 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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