



Hello Bright Beginnings NYC Families!



We hope everyone had a wonderful and exciting first month of 2015! And now onward to February! Here at Bright Beginnings NYC, our little explorers are done being zoologists and oceanographers, and are moving on to becoming ... **ARTISTS!** For the month of February, the children will be exploring various artistic styles as well as the famous painters that helped spawn the movements. The four chosen painters for the month of February (one assigned to each week) are Claude Monet, Pablo Picasso, Vincent Van Gogh, and Jackson Pollock. The students will learn all about where these artists originated from as well as their tools, materials, and art mediums. Most importantly, they will explore creating their own works of art using these specific art styles because after all, preschool is all about exploration! That being said, if you would like to send your child to school with an old t-shirt to be worn as a smock, we would be much obliged. Please write their name on the tag of the shirt and we will keep it here for the month of February.



February is also National Dental Health Awareness Month! The newest addition to our teaching team, Ms. Junelle, will be working with the children throughout the month, discussing the importance of dental safety and overall dental health. The children will learn all about brushing teeth, conditioned routines, as well as a healthy diet to help keep our teeth nice and strong!

We'd like to remind you to empty your child's art cubby on a regular basis! The kids have numerous beautiful art projects that they have worked hard to create and illustrate the exciting lessons they are currently learning. Our students are quite proud of their work and we know they would be excited to show you! Even more importantly, especially for our older students, you can continue practicing the skills they employed in the classroom at home. In addition to making art projects, our older group has also been working on their letters, numbers and sequencing, all of which can, and should, be reinforced outside the classroom. There is nothing more important than extra support at home in establishing your child's confidence in their learning!

Lastly, please be reminded that Bright Beginnings NYC will be closed on February 16<sup>th</sup> in observance of Presidents' Day, and on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, which is one of our two annual staff development days.

If you have any questions or comments or just want to stop by for a chat please do - our door is always open! See you soon!

*The Bright Beginnings NYC Staff*

