



April Newsletter 2015

Hello Bright Beginnings NYC Families!



March brought a flurry of construction projects into our classroom, as our students explored different shapes and learned about various neighborhood buildings and structures. In the classroom, we built our circle time discussions around various local landmarks, such as the World Trade Center and the Brooklyn Bridge, all of which the students had a chance to observe during our outside walks. Our budding artists then put their crayons to paper and drew their very own impressions of these structures (which are hanging on the bulletin board for all to see), and even tried to recreate them out of building blocks, legos and magnetiles. Along the way, our younger group learned to identify basic shapes, such as circles, squares and triangles, while our older group learned basic building concepts such as weight, balance, and geometry.



April has brought with it a new theme dear to kids and grown-ups alike – namely, STORY TELLING! We will spend the remainder of this month focusing on different genres such as oral stories, plays and play-acting, and written tales. Ms. Allison's class will also be introduced to print concepts and will have an opportunity to work on creating their own individual books. Ms. Jill's class will be working with specific age-appropriate texts to reinforce familiarity with print material and establish

reading routines. Our story telling theme will carry into “show and share Fridays,” where the students are encouraged to bring and share their favorite books from home, which we will read together during circle time and story period, time permitting. If the students take a liking to it, we will be more than happy to continue our special “read alouds” on Fun Fridays as part of show and share. As our students have already shown great interest in authoring and illustrating their own projects, we think they’re going to love sharing their reading experiences with their friends.

Lastly, we want to thank all parents who were able to come in for a parent-teacher conference! It was lovely to be able to catch up and discuss each child’s continuous progress in our program, and to hear your wonderful comments and impressions of our preschool. For those who were not able to join us, please feel free to speak to our teachers about any questions/concerns you may have, or reschedule at a more convenient time. Happy Spring!

The Bright Beginnings NYC Staff

