

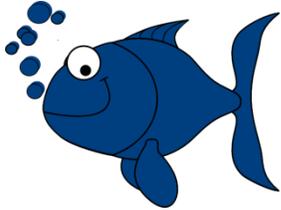
August 2015 Newsletter

Dear Bright Beginnings NYC Families,

The summer might be almost over, but summer fun activities are in full swing at Bright Beginnings NYC! Our students have enjoyed our summer “travel” theme so much, that we have to end the season with one last trip for the month of August – to the **Amazon Rainforest!**

During July, our little explorers spent the first week focusing on different forms of transportation that we might take to get to where we are going. We then put on our “discovery hats” and learned about various summer destinations, like the beach, and the awesome things we can do in the sand. The kids had lots of fun playing with a beach ball and working on their vocabulary and gross motor skills as they practiced “throw and catch,” by saying either a color, a favorite animal, or a favorite food when they caught it. Of course, no beach trip is complete without beachcombing, and we all loved finding sea shells in the sand box! Our class also spent a week learning all about camping, and how to stay safe while enjoying the outdoors. One of the children’s favorite activities was making their own SMORES with graham crackers and marshmallows. They were delicious!!!!!! Our last week took us on a fishing trip, and our little campers had a blast “catching” paper fish in different shapes and colors. Throughout it all, our students continued working on their math and spatial skills by making patterns with schools of fish, and counting their catch. Our older

students fine-tuned their motor skills and started learning how to write their names, while the younger children practiced the first letter of their names (gotta' start somewhere!).



We also welcomed a new friend to our classroom, whose name – by popular consent – is **Blueberry!** He's been taking an active part in our daily lessons, and is especially fond of mealtimes and creative movement period. Our whole class loves watching him swim around, as we dance on the circle rug!



The month of August will take us on an exciting exploration of the Amazon Rainforest. The children will learn about the different layers of the rainforest and the animals that inhabit them. Together, we'll also explore some of the different foods we get from the rainforest, and learn how to keep this amazing environment safe and sound. And, last but not least, we will welcome a new friend to our class – so stay tuned for an update!



With the warm weather upon us, we have, of course, been spending lots of time outdoors and at the sprinklers. Please remember to send a bathing suit, towel and water shoes for your child(ren) throughout the month of August, as we continue to enjoy the warm weather. Also, please continue to refill your child(ren)'s baby wipes supply, as the increased outdoor time makes those little wipes indispensable.

Lastly, please note that we have introduced some new snacks, and check our Menu board. If you have any suggestions for other nutrition options, please feel free to bring them to our attention.

Sincerely,
The Bright Beginnings NYC Staff

