



## September 2015 Newsletter

Dear Bright Beginnings NYC Families,



What a fantastic month of August and end of summer! We are sad to see it go, but cannot wait to see what exciting things lie ahead during the month of September. Since September brings the start of the academic school year, as well as new friends joining our program, our theme for the month will be All About Me.



Our rainforest theme was a huge hit! All of the children loved exploring the layers of the rainforest and the animals/insects that inhabit them. Indeed, we left no layer unturned, as we started with the forest floor, and worked our way up through the Understory, the Canopy and the Emergent Layer. The children learned that the largest animals live on the Forest Floor, while the smallest live up in the Emergent Layer so they will not break the trees. As we trekked through each layer, the children met **The Red Eyed Tree Frog** (an all-around favorite!), who lives in the Understory and is special because it has sticky feet and can climb trees, as well as various birds and monkeys who make their home in the Canopy layer. The children also worked on their math skills and one-to-one correspondence skills by counting the number of tree frogs on a tree, and the number of monkeys eating bananas. They continued working on their fine motor skills by tracing letters and rainforest animal footprints – and along the way, got a little taste of the Rainforest by sampling some local fruits, like banana, mango, pineapple and orange.



During our new theme, All About Me, we will welcome some new friends into our school and say good bye to our friends who are graduating on to Pre-K. As the

children explore their own and their friends' identities, our two's group will learn to recognize the first letter of their name, and work on spelling their names as well. Our three's group will continue working on spelling their names, and will also begin to practice writing their names. Together, we will explore the diversity and commonalities amongst our students and their families, and learn about our bodies, our feelings and our emotions.

Finally, four of our big friends will be off to Pre-K this fall! Laney, Lily, Matthew and Sloane, we will miss you all, and wish you the best of luck in Pre-K and hope that you will come back to visit and tell us all about the new things you will be learning! We also await the welcome of new friends - Sarah, Leona, Stefan and Freddie – welcome to our Bright Beginnings NYC family! Lastly, we celebrated four birthdays this month and thank all of the parents for the delicious birthday treats! Happy Birthday again to Matthew, Amalia, Adriana, and William!

Please continue to send in baby wipes as we use them quite often. As always if you have any suggestions do not hesitate to bring them to our attention.

Sincerely,

The Bright Beginnings Staff

