



December 2015 Newsletter



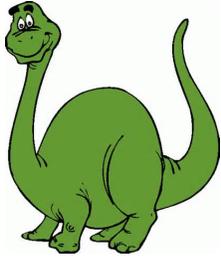
Dear Bright Beginnings NYC Parents,

As the temperature drops and winter is ushered in, our students have been enjoying everything the season has to offer, from learning about the various holidays celebrated in the winter, to exploring the seasonal changes the cold weather brings. During the month of December, we will don our paleontologist hats and explore **DINOSAURS!**



November saw us exploring the wonderful world of fairytales. The children focused on The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, and Little Red Riding Hood. Our younger class worked on retelling and enacting each of the stories, from eating porridge (oatmeal) for breakfast just like Goldilocks, to huffing and puffing along with the Big Bad Wolf in The Three Little Pigs. Our older class worked on sequencing and fine motor skills by cutting out pictures from each fairytale and putting them in chronological order. The kids also created their own maps of the path they would take to Grandma's house in Little Red Riding Hood, and helped to make their own "bear toast" for snack time with sesame butter, bananas and blueberries. Don't forget to take a look around the classroom to see the kids' unique interpretations of each of the stories we read! Last but not least, we continued our letter exploration of "C"

and “D” as we made and painted cars and dinosaurs, and learned many new words that start with the letters C and D.



During the month of December, the children will begin exploring the ancient world of **DINOSAURS!** Both our younger and older students have shown great interest in everything “Dino,” from books in our library to dinosaur puzzles at our work tables, and dinosaur figurines at our manipulative stations. We will be focusing on four different dinosaurs - the T-Rex, Pterodactyl, Triceratops and Long Neck. Our younger friends will learn to identify them by name and specific characteristics like what they eat, and how many feet/toes they have, while our older group will study more detailed facts about each species. Toward the end of the month, everyone will pretend they are paleontologists and create their own replicas and fossils of each of the dinosaurs we study. Together, we will go on dinosaur “digs,” work on related science, arts and crafts projects, and, of course, continue reinforcing our counting and letter recognition skills.

We want to thank everyone who contributed to our wonderful Thanksgiving party. We are planning a holiday celebration toward the end of the month, and will post more details soon. We would also like to wish a very happy 3rd Birthday to David, Elizabeth and Audrey, and extend a thank you to their parents for the delicious birthday treats!

Lastly, we want to remind you that Bright Beginnings NYC will be closed on December 24th and December 25th and on December 31st and January 1st. We hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving and look forward to the last month of 2015. As always, if you have comments/suggestions, please feel free to stop by and talk to us.

Sincerely,

The Bright Beginnings NYC Staff

