

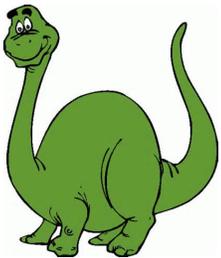


January 2016 Newsletter



Dear Bright Beginnings NYC Parents,

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all! What a fantastic last month of 2015 we had at Bright Beginnings NYC, as we donned our Paleontologist hats, became dinosaur experts, and had lots of holiday fun! Since the children have shown great interest in learning about animals, the excitement continues into 2016 with our new theme for the month of January: **THE FARM!**



During December, we learned about five different dinosaurs: T-Rex, Long Neck, Triceratops, Stegosaurus and Pterodactyl. Our younger group used mnemonic movements to remember the names and characteristics of each species, while our older group engaged in a more in-depth “study” of the traits and habits particular to each one, including what the Carnivores and Herbivores ate. The older group also enjoyed making pasta dinosaurs, while our younger friends went on dinosaur digs in the sand box and played with lava slime (made out of cornstarch and water with a little food coloring). Everybody got to paint their own dinosaur feet and started working on their 1-1 counting skills and number matching. We also continued our letter study with the letters E and F, and had fun coming up with words

beginning with each letter. One of the many highlights was to do Laurie Berkner's "Dinosaur Dance" and sing our Dinosaur song:



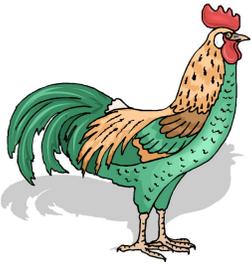
Dino, Dino Dinosaurs,
Some of them are Carnivores,
They use their pointy teeth to eat,
Other animals, they call meat,
Dino, Dino Dinosaurs,
Some of them are Carnivores.

Dino, Dino Dinosaurs,
Some of them are Herbivores,
They like to eat the leaves and trees,
I wonder if they'll eat my peas,
Dino, Dino Dinosaurs,
Some of them are Herbivores.



This month will bring a study of **the Farm** and the animals that live there. We will turn our dramatic play area into a "Farmers Market" and taste different foods that both grow on the farm, and that we get from animals that live on the farm. Our older students will work on sorting them into different categories, based on how

many feet they have and what they eat. They will also practice their writing skills as they sound out the names of each animal and learn fun facts about them at our **brand new writing center!** As many of the older children have shown an increased interest in reading and writing, we set up a new writing center equipped with paper, crayons, letter stencils, letter puzzles, and special games/activities designed to enhance letter recognition and aid in letter formation.



Our younger friends will work on naming each animal and distinguishing them by their different characteristics, while they advance their counting skills. Our letter study will continue with G and H – and, as always, we encourage parents to reinforce our monthly themes and letters at home!

January will also bring some new friends to our preschool, whom we can't wait to meet! We will introduce them as they start, in our next Newsletter.

Lastly, everyone had lots of fun at our New Years Pajama Party – check out the pics below! We want to send a BIG THANK YOU to all the parents for their generous holiday gifts, and for being part of our Bright Beginnings NYC Family!

Please remember that school will be **closed** January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day. As always if you have any questions or comments, feel free to voice them during drop-off/pick-up, or just shoot as an e-mail.

Sincerely,

The Bright Beginnings NYC Staff

