

November 2015 Newsletter



Dear Bright Beginnings NYC Parents,

October brought us the riches of fall and Halloween – and November will bring us Thanksgiving and story time! Our theme for this month will both elicit our students' creativity and enhance their language skills as we explore the wonders of fairytales and storytelling!



During the month of October we explored our neighborhood, including a visit to the Engine 6 fire house, where all the children got a chance to climb into a fire truck and try on a real fire fighter helmet. While visiting the fire station, the children also learned about the gear firefighters have to wear to stay safe during a fire, as well as fire safety basics. Our older group worked on their fine motor skills by making paper cut-outs of fire fighter suits and gluing them on a paper fire fighter. The younger children decorated their own fire hats and badges, practiced writing the first letter of their name on their gear, and had fun pretending to be fire fighters at our water table. The yummiest time (aside from Halloween!) was had by making our own edible fire trucks with graham crackers for the

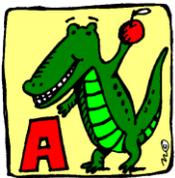
truck, pretzel sticks for the ladder and chocolate pretzels for the wheels.



Our visit to the Fulton Market involved learning about different food groups including fruits, vegetables, meat, dairy and grains. Our younger group focused on sorting out fruits and vegetables, while our older group worked on their counting skills by counting the fruits in each basket. And, since pumpkins greeted us at every turn, the entire class dug into a real pumpkin, learned about the seeds, and even got to taste them after they were baked. Of course, Halloween was a highlight, with a pumpkin scavenger hunt, a parade in full costume, and some yummy treats!



Our letter study took us on an exploration of letters A and B and the many words that start with each of these letters. The older children worked on their counting skills by putting airplanes in number order, while the younger ones painted apples and played with bubbles. The kids also enjoyed creating animals and feeding them the matching letter.



For the letter A, they created an alligator and fed it the matching letter A. For B, they created a bear and fed it the letter B. Great work friends!





November will bring an exploration of some classic fairytales, and plenty of opportunities for the children to work on their language development while acting out their favorite tales. The older children will take it a step further by learning about story sequence and the idea of a beginning, middle and end of each story. The younger children will continue to work on color matching and identification of numbers 1-5. We will be reading The Three Little Pigs and Goldilocks and the Three Bears, among others. We encourage you to talk about these stories with your children outside of the classroom!



Lastly, we would like to welcome Ms. Devon to our classroom, and remind you of a few important dates in November:



- Wednesday November 26 – Thanksgiving Luncheon: more details to follow
- Thursday November 27 and Friday November 28 – No school for Thanksgiving break.

As always if you have questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to bring them to our attention.

Sincerely,

The Bright Beginnings NYC Staff

