


February 2017 Newsletter

Dear Bright Beginnings NYC Parents,

We have had a fantastic start to 2017 here at Bright Beginnings NYC! January brought the exploration of outer space for our little ones. Students enjoyed role-playing astronauts, building child size rockets for further thematic extension in the pretend play area, and learning about the different planets in our solar system. Some of these planets included Jupiter, Saturn, Mars, Uranus and Neptune.

Throughout the duration of the theme students were taught specific characteristics that make each planet special, and learned about other other solar system features, including the sun, moon, and stars.



During our exploration of the moon, the children created a model surface display using household items, such as flour and baby oil. They expanded on their understanding of the moon's craters by using small pebbles to make their own indentations in the model surface replicas. Our younger 2's class also worked on interpreting the characteristics

of the sun by creating a collage of all things "hot." The 3's and 4's class worked on more complex comparisons and sorting of hot and cold items. Some of the other skills incorporated within our overall outer space unit included number recognition of 1-4, letter recognition of D and E, sorting, and name letter sequencing.



During the month of February we will continue the fun with our new theme of Dinosaurs! The students will take on the active role of paleontologists as we turn our classroom into a **fossil playground**. They will learn about different species, diets, environments, and reasons for extinction. The 3's and 4's class will also expand their letter study to incorporate F, G, H, and I, and begin a more focused number study, as well. The 2's class will continue to explore and build their motor, math and basic reading skills through sensorial experiences and choice lead activities with exposure to letters and numbers as a key component.

We want to wish Adriana and Garrett a very happy 3rd birthday.

Reminders:

- We are closed on Presidents Day, February 20th.

As always if you have any questions please let us know.

Sincerely,

The Bright Beginnings NYC Staff

