



January 2017 Newsletter



Dear Bright Beginnings NYC Parents,

As we wish you a Happy New Year, we bid farewell to a wonderful December 2016 that took us on a wonderful-filled voyage into the fantastic world of fairytales! As we move into 2017, we will continue our fun and exciting journey with our new theme of **Outer Space!**



This past month we studied three different fairy tales, namely The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Gingerbread Man. Overall, we think our students liked The Three Little Pigs the best, as they play-acted out the story by pretending to be the big bad wolf huffing and puffing to blow each house down. Our big friends got to decide what kind of material they wanted to build their house with - and their choices ranged from marshmallows to blocks and straw. Everyone enjoyed playing in a sensory bin full of the different materials that the pigs used to build their houses, including popsicle sticks for, well, sticks, uncooked spaghetti for straw, and lego's for bricks. Our big friends discovered that it was much easier to build with the lego's than any other material, while our little friends could be heard all over saying "I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down!"



Goldilocks and the 3 Bears had everyone practice size sorting, as our little friends focused on "small" and "big," while our big friends worked on "small," "medium" and "big." We all also had the chance to try some oatmeal (porridge), just like the three bears ate in the story! Our big friends worked on sequencing the items in the story, as they put the bowls, chairs and beds in order. Our little friends had fun making bear puppets and pretending they were mama bear, papa bear and baby bear, as well as making and playing with oatmeal playdough.



Lastly, everyone enjoyed helping Ms. Devon read the story The Gingerbread Man by repeating over and over again "Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the Gingerbread Man." Our big friends also worked on matching shapes and improving their gross motor skills as they played with a cube with numbers in it and had to count that amount of gingerbread men.



During December, we continued our alphabet study with the letter C. The children learned that cow, cupcake, cat, caterpillar and cookie start with letter C. We decorated our own cupcakes, turned the letter c into a cat and a cow and did cookie collages. We can't wait to move onto letters D and E next month and see what fun activities we will take part in!



Last but not least, everyone got to take part in our holiday fun by doing some fun projects, reading stories and talking about what they did with their families for the holidays. Hope you all had a wonderful holiday season!!!!!!



January will take us on a journey into Outer Space! Everyone will pretend to climb aboard their rocket ship and blast off into another galaxy! Along the way, we will learn about the sun, the moon and all of the planets in our solar system. We will also learn about astronauts and what their job is, and the equipment they have to wear in order to stay safe in outer space. Don't forget to check the boards around the classroom for our students' depictions of the final frontier!



Reminders:

- As you begin to potty train your little ones at home, please let us know at school so that we can be on the same page and can encourage them to use the potty at school also.
- Please send extra clothes with your child to school in case they have an accident, which is completely normal. Please encourage your children to tell you at home, and to tell us in school, when they have to potty.
- School will be **closed** on January 19th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Happy New Year!!!! As always if you have any questions please feel free to stop by and speak to one of us.

Sincerely,

Bright Beginnings NYC Staff

