



Dear Bright Beginnings NYC Parents,

We have had a very busy month of March. Our exploration of textiles has taken us on a journey around the globe! Some of the textiles we learned about are cotton, denim, spandex, wool, leather, and more. The second half of our unit took us on a tour spanning a variety of countries. We explored textiles from India, Thailand, Japan, Australia, Russia, Brazil, Mexico, and of course America! The students learned about different forms of fabric creation including weaving, printing, and patterning. The children also loved incorporating this theme within their dramatic play, and we were delighted to open up our very own Bright Beginnings Boutique! Overall it has been a joyous and adventurous month!



The Big Friends are continuing to expand their letter knowledge and have made it all the way to the letter N! They have embarked on letter scavenger hunts, mystery box letter fun, and various other projects that can be seen in the lobby and classroom. They are continuing to increase their number recognition of numbers 1-30, in addition to exploring patterning, sequencing, and rote counting. Our Little Friends are continuing to work on letters A-E and numbers 1-5 alongside colors and shape recognition. Little Friends have had such fun creating group collage work utilizing various textiles, and have made a strong connection to literature in the classroom as well. Such works would consist of our life size Pete the Cat where each child worked on lacing buttons, as well as the large scale denim pants collage hanging just inside the classroom.



EARTH MONTH

Looking to April, Bright Beginnings students will be embarking on Earth month with a focus on conservation and environment friendly activities. Our students will become environmentalists and learn all about the positive and surprising factors that affect the health and wellbeing of planet earth. Within this theme we will be conducting numerous observation and research walks (weather permitting), exploring recycling, and learning how to keep our planet happy and thriving all the while continuing to learn about our primary preschool concepts.

In addition we will be beginning our spring book drive! We ask for any and all donations that are possible. Just like our service project in the beginning of the school year, this drive will span over a month period from April 17th to May 17th. We are so appreciative of everyone's donations this past fall and hope to make this drive just as successful! Please continue to help us make Bright Beginnings the caring and giving environment we all know it to be.

A quick note for Afterschool!

Things have been very busy for our friends in afterschool. The preschoolers were encouraged to embrace their creative side with the theme of textile expression! This month we explored different kinds of materials that make up our clothing, blankets, shoes, and other items. The afterschool crew also had a lot of fun exploring unique cultures by creating crafts, singing songs, and following recipes that were different from our own (the guacamole recipe was the biggest success!).

We are looking forward to April as we begin to explore planet Earth as our new theme! The after schoolers will be transformed into scientists as they investigate what makes Earth special and the different ways that we can preserve it.

A quick reminder:

Optional Parent- Teacher Conferences will be held on APRIL 7th.

Bright Beginnings will be closing early for full time students with a post lunch dismissal between 12:45-1:00pm.

After School: Anyone requiring full day coverage from our after school program during the week of DOE Spring Break is required to inform us so that we may be sure to have appropriate accommodations.



Sincerely,

Bright Beginnings
Staff



