

FEBRUARY

Dear Bright Beginnings NYC Parents,

Preschool:

We cannot believe that the first month of 2019 has already come to an end. January has flown by with our theme of Superheroes. The children have had so much fun getting to know their beloved heroes even better and learning all about real world heroes as well. Some of the figures the students focused on included Martin Luther King Jr., Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Jane Goodall, and Boyan Slat. Some of their favorite projects consisted of making Wonder Woman justice cuffs and collar, and the recycling toss and sort for Captain Planet and Aqua Man week.



The Big Friends are well versed in all things superheroes. Some of their favorites included Spider Man, Wonder Woman, and Captain Planet. Along with this came fantastical discussions surrounding the ideas of justice, fairness, and equality for everyone. Some of the Big Friends favorite activities were charting their favorite heroes using a bar graph, collaging earths using different materials for Captain Planet week, and creating their beautiful Dream Quilt for the letter Q during Martin Luther King Jr. week. Wonderful job Big Friends!



The Little Friends explored Black Panther, Spider man, Aqua man, and Rainbow Brite. Some of their real life heroes included fire men, police men, and Boyan Slat (for Aqua man week). Their favorite projects included creating an oil spill sensory bin when learning about ocean conservation and learning sign language like real life hero Jane Goodall. It has been an outstanding month revolving around protecting our earth, animals, oceans, and people. Great job Little Friends.

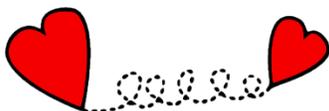


Diving into next month, we will be exploring all things *Sharks*! The children have been excited about sea creatures ever since we introduced Aqua man and sharks have lead the pack swimming into the first place spot for next month's theme. We are excited to learn about their habitat, their diet, and all the different characteristics that make them special. We will also focus on letters S, T, U for the Big Friends, and letter L and M for the Little Friends.



After School:

The After-Schoolers were quite busy as well. They had fun completing obstacle courses, painting by ear using Beethoven's 5th symphony, and making fresh squeezed orange juice. The students also started preparing for Chinese New year by making a dragon head! They are excited to continue making decorations to prepare for Chinese New year next week. Way to go After School!



Housekeeping:

We have some important dates to discuss for the Month of February. We will only be closed on Monday, February 18th in observance of Presidents Day. We will re-open the following day with a regular schedule. For those after schoolers who are on winter break as scheduled by the public schools from Monday, February 18 to Friday, February 22nd, we will have our regular program open, **except for Presidents day**. If you are scheduled for any of these days, Tuesday through Friday, you can drop off at 2:30pm. In addition, this is a reminder that we have hung up the volunteer list for read aloud guests for Friday mornings. It is hanging above the sign up sheet. Please sign up if you wish!

Calendar:

February 18th: Bright Beginnings Closed for Presidents Day



Lastly, I would like to thank all parents for following the new afternoon dismissal policies. I would like to send a reminder however, that we do require a bright wheel message 15 minutes

prior to any pick up before 5pm. We also have our late policy (\$1 per minute after 5:30), which has been in place all year.

As always if you have any questions, comments, or ideas, please feel free to contact us!

Sincerely,
Bright Beginnings NYC