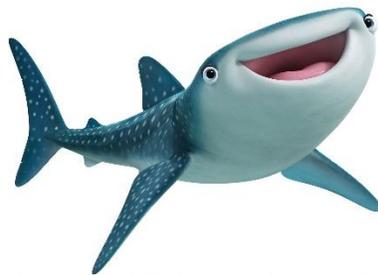


March

Dear Bright Beginnings NYC,



Preschool

It has been a wonderful and eventful February here at Bright Beginnings. We had a blast diving into everything sharks and know the learning will continue long after the theme ends. Some of the favorites this month included the goblin shark, hammerhead shark, and of course the great white shark! The students enjoyed mimicking the different shark senses, creating different sharks through a variety of art mediums, and decorating the door with their very own “Sherman” the shark. We are excited to see what March and the spring weather brings us but first let’s review!



The Big Friends started their theme by learning about the great white shark. They had fun creating their very own version for the classroom door using multicolored tissue paper and glue. They also ventured on to exploring whale sharks, goblin sharks, and culminated their theme with the hammer head shark. Some of their favorite activities included paper plate great whites that are hanging in the classroom, sequencing the whale shark, and learning about filter feeding using a sensory bin filled with jelly beads and fishing nets. The Big Friends also made their own version of seaweed themed chips and dip! Wonderful job Big Friends.



The Little Friends also learned about the great white shark, goblin shark, hammerhead shark, and added the angular rough shark to their list. They explored their different habitats, compare and contrasted their senses and characteristics, and even explored their diets. The students also learned about the different sizes and measured their own heights against the length of a true great white. It can be found hanging up in the classroom next to the pretend play area. They practiced being blindfolded like the goblin sharks who have no sight, and had fun splashing in a jelly bead bin mimicking the noses of hammerheads that are made solely of the substance!



They continued their letter work as well focusing on K, L, and M, and completed fun activities such as the L is for ladybug spot count. Great job Little Friends!



For March we are excited to introduce the theme Pets! The children have been going gaga over all things kitties, puppies, and pet owners. It has been visible in their play schemes during free-play and their gross motor period, and is currently the hottest topic of conversation. Within our study of pets we will explore both traditional and non-traditional pets, how to care for them, and lastly the issue of conservation and what constitutes a house pet versus what should be cared for in the wild. We are hoping to take a more in depth trip to the veterinarian's office as well as possibly have some of our own furry friends join us for a circle time or two.



After School

Our After School friends had a little bit of a shorter month with many friends away during the public school winter recess. None the less there were so many fun activities and projects to partake in. Some of their favorites this month included baking Valentine's Day cookies, making hot cocoa for our chilly winter afternoons, and building nachos! They also conducted science experiments such as the frog eggs water bead bin and making oobleck, and also became portrait artists taking on the task of drawing their classmate. Way to go After School!



Housekeeping

There is only one important date for the month of March. Friday, March 8th will be a professional development day for teachers. This will be a nonattendance day for all students, including after school.

Calendar Date:

Friday, March 8th: NO SCHOOL for Students

In addition, you may have seen some new faces in the classroom during pick up. We will be continuing to interview for the perfect teacher's assistant to join the Big Friends team with Mrs. Delilah and Ms. Allison. Once we have found the best fit and completed the interview process, we will inform you accordingly. We have been interviewing quite a few applicants and are waiting for just the right person to join our team and continue to uphold the standards of our staff and our program.

If you have any questions, comments, or ideas, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Sincerely,

Bright Beginnings NYC Staff