

Dear Bright Beginnings NYC Parents,

Preschool:



April has been so great at Bright Beginnings NYC.

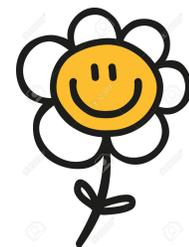
We loved exploring our gardening theme that included different plants, fruits, and vegetables we can grow, how to tend to our gardens and helpful insect friends that make it their home. Our students were also able to experience gardening first hand by planting their own herbs and flowers that are still growing inside the classroom! April also wouldn't have been complete without enjoying the warm weather on the playground and relaxing during our spring holidays as well. We hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend, and our after schoolers enjoyed their spring break, and we are excited to jump into the month of May!



But before we do that let's see what the Big Friends were up to this month. One of their major focuses was planting the classroom garden, which has been living inside the classroom. The Big Friends worked together to help plant different herbs and flowers, and have been taking turns watering and making observations throughout the month.

We are happy to report that the garden is thriving and has already provided us with some yummy treats! During one of our cooking activities, we had three special gardeners carefully pick some mint and oregano for the class to create herb toast! In addition the Big Friends also made crudité's during fruit and vegetable week. The students also continued their patterning work and created a class size apple pattern tree. The Big Friends created lower case "c" pattern caterpillars, and did some lower case "d" is for digging for insects in the sand table. Lovely job Big Friends.





The Little Friends have kept just as busy within our gardening theme too! The students started off the month by creating Daisy face plates while learning about flowers, which can be seen hanging in the classroom. They also conducted a fruit and veggie tasting and recorded their observations, and had fun getting messy in a mud bin during bug week. Little Friends also had fun making play dough worms and created lovely water color pictures for “P is for Penguin” letter work. Great job Little Friends.

We are very excited to move into May with our new theme of ***Neighborhood Jobs!*** The students will be learning about different jobs within our neighborhood that expand beyond fire fighters, doctors, and police officers. These will include positions such as bakers and waiters, subway workers, garbage person, hair dresser, artist, dentist, neighborhood EMTs, and more! We are delighted to begin and know it will be inspiring for the children!



After School:

After School also had an eventful but short month. After schoolers enjoyed all the sunshine on the playground and group games on the field. They have also been doing consistent observation walks and recorded their observations using different mediums of art. Some of these included painting flowers, replicating outdoor murals, and using puffy paint to make rain clouds. The after school students also had fun cooking tapenade and labneh. Wonderful job After School!





Housekeeping:

We have a few important items to take note of during the month of May. First, I would like to remind parents that we will have our new teacher, Ms. Samantha, joining us on Monday, May 13th. We are very excited for her to join us and know she will be a great addition to the Bright Beginnings Team.

Next, we would like to inform parents that Mrs. Jane will be going on maternity leave starting Monday, May 20th. Ms. Taylor will be substituting for Mrs. Jane on the Little Friends side for the remainder of the school year and the duration of the summer. Mrs. Jane will be returning for the upcoming 2019/2020 school year in September. We will also like to remind parents that we are holding our annual Mother's Day Brunch on Friday, May 10th. We invite all mothers to attend if their schedule permits! Brunch will be held in the classroom from 8:30am-10:30am. Lastly, this is another calendar reminder that we will be closed on Monday, May 27th, in observance of Memorial Day. Please refer to the calendar for more clarification if needed.



Calendar dates:

Friday, May 10th: Mother's Day Brunch at Bright Beginnings, 8:30am-10:30am

Monday, May 13th: Ms. Samantha begins

Monday, May 20th: Mrs. Jane goes on maternity leave

Monday, May 27th: No School in observance of Memorial Day

The final item is regarding full-time and part-time participation for next year. We will be capping our full-time program for 2019-2020. Please be mindful of this. For the upcoming year all students will remain within the part-time or full-time schedule that has been specified. The full-time program is capped at 15 students. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please let us know if you have any question, comments, or ideas!

Sincerely,
Bright Beginnings Staff