



# December

Dear Bright Beginnings NYC Parents,

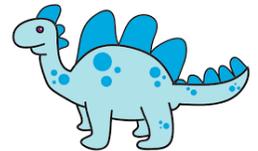
Preschool:

It has been a wonderful November at the preschool! As we are heading through the holiday season let's take a look back at this month's activities.

The students had so much fun learning all about dinosaurs. They explored land dinosaurs like the massive brachiosaurus, flying dinosaurs like the pterodactyls, and water dinosaurs like the pliosaurus. They also learned about the holiday of Thanksgiving and what it means to give thanks for the things and ones you love.



The Big Friends class loved learning about the assortment of dinos. Some of their favorite activities included spelling their names on stegosaurus plates, using counting cubes to measure long necks, and making alligator pie when discussing sea reptiles. The students also made their own salt dough fossils and had fun fishing in a water like the pterodactyls. The Big Friends continued their letter curriculum with the letters J, K, and I and are working hard to begin exploring writing as well. Awesome job Big Friends!



The Little Friends also learned a wide variety of dinosaurs too. Some of their favorite activities included measuring their own heights against the height of a citipati, making ocean jell-o with sharks inside when learning about water dinosaurs, and made t-rex necklaces as well! The Little Friends also worked on their letter curriculum learning the letters E, F, and G. Some of their letter activities included





making fossils for letter F too and green block building for letter G. Way to go Little Friends!

Looking to December, we are excited to announce the new theme ***Babies!*** Both classes have been endlessly playing house both inside the classroom and on the playground. The students have been asking to use baby dolls more often in their activities, and the imaginative stories continue to engage and inspire their play everyday. In this theme we will be including all types of babies, including farm animal babies, jungle animal babies, water animal babies, and of course our own little babies as well. We are excited for this theme and think it will be a very engaging and fun theme for the three weeks of December.



#### Afterschool:

The after school students had a busy fun filled month as well! The students illustrated drawings to musical beats, made apple crumb cake and mulled cider, and turkey hand presents for the Thanksgiving holiday. We also spent as much time as we could outside before the winter months take over. Hopefully we'll have a couple more trips to the playground before the New Year! Wonderful job after school!



#### Housekeeping:

There are a some important dates to keep in mind for the month of December, especially because it is a shortened month.



The first thing I would like to remind parents is that our Fall Donation Drive is continuing on through December. We want to make sure everyone gets what they need during this holiday season and we are hoping to do our part in that cause. Please continue to drop off new and gently used items at the preschool and thank you to the families that have already donated!



We will be open on Tuesday, December 24th with a regular schedule. However, please inform your teachers if you will be attending as it is a very heavy travel day. We will be



closed for winter break from Wednesday, December 25th through Wednesday, January 1st. We will re-open on Thursday, January 2nd with a regular schedule.

**Calendar Dates:**

**Tuesday, December 24th: School Open, Please confirm if your child will attend on this day.**

**Wednesday, December 25th-Wednesday, January 1st: School Closed; Winter Break**



We hope everyone is looking forward to a wonderful, warm, and cozy December! If you have any questions, comments, or ideas please let us know! And don't forget to donate!!

Sincerely,  
Bright Beginnings NYC