

OCTOBER

Dear Bright Beginnings NYC Parents,

Preschool:

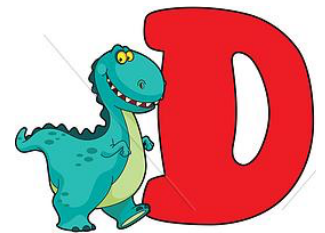
We have gotten off to an exciting start at Bright Beginnings this Fall. It has been a wonderful September and we loved welcoming so many new faces! Our Bright Beginnings family is growing and we are so happy that



all of our little ones are creating long lasting preschool friendships. Our *All About Me* theme was also a big hit and helped introduce our new friends to our community as well. Some of the favorite activities from this theme included our “favorite foods” tasting, face puzzles, and cultural exploration week. It has been a wonderful start to the year!



The Big Friends jumped head first into their learning curriculum this month. Some of their favorite activities included patterning “feelings faces”, size ordering short and tall friends, and beginning their letter curriculum. The Big Friends have soared through A, B, C, and D. One of their most enjoyable letter activities included D is for Dinosaur count. The students focused on



letter sound recognition as well as rote counting dinosaurs inside their letter Ds. They also partook in some cultural exploration during culture week and made Mexican cucumber lime palettes on cooking day. Wonderful job Big Friends.





The Little Friends have also kept busy this month! They have taken the *All About Me* theme and focused on the individual characteristics that make them special. Some of their favorite activities this month included measuring their heights, doing a favorite foods tasting and graphing the results, and making fruit salad and birthday cake for birthdays week! The Little Friends also started their letter curriculum and have explored letters A and B. They had fun with their B is for Bean sensory bin and Bus name sequencing work. Great Job Little Friends!



Looking to October, we are very excited to get this year kicked off into full gear. We are happy to announce that the theme for the upcoming month will be *Inventions!* Inquiring student minds would like to know how things work, specifically toy things :). Therefore, we will be exploring the function of everyday items from things in the classroom, to items at home, to toys that keep them engaged for hours on end. We are eager to see how this theme unravels and are excited to see what creations the students will come up with as the month goes on.



After School:

We are also happy to announce that our after school program has begun! The students are happily playing and creating masterpieces during their afternoon sessions. Some of their favorite lessons included sink and float as an introductory science experiment and texture leaf rubbings to welcome the Fall season. The After School students also created their very own paper pal characters. You can see them hanging up on the after school art wall downstairs. Lastly, they enjoyed learning some new recipes, including baking chocolate chip cookies and cooking pizza. Awesome job After School!



Housekeeping:

We do have some dates to keep in mind for the month of October. Please make sure to review all dates and address them as needed.



We will be starting our Fun Friday Friendly readers this month. We will hang up a sign up sheet next week.

Volunteering as a friendly reader will require you to read during Friday's story time from 11:45am-12:00pm. You may bring some favorite stories from home or choose a text from the school library.

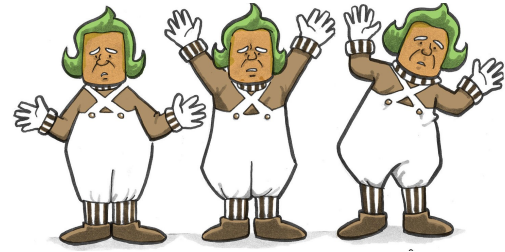
We will also be having our optional parent teacher conferences on Friday, October 11th. This will be a half day for all full-time students. Part-time students will follow a regular schedule and full-time students will be dismissed at 12:45pm directly after lunch. Just a reminder that the parent teacher conferences are optional unless your child's teacher asks for you to attend.

Next, on Friday, October 25th, Bright Beginnings NYC will be closed for a full-day staff development day. This will include no after school sessions on this day. Please make sure to find accommodations.



Lastly, Bright Beginnings NYC will be hosting their annual Halloween parade on Thursday, October 31st. Both classes will parade around the courtyard at 10:45am. Parents are permitted to attend and take pictures while outside if you think your child will do fine with your exiting afterwards. Please be mindful of all costumes. Your child must be able to maneuver in it comfortably, be able to use the bathroom if potty trained, and accessories must be playful in style. (NO guns, swords, or weapons of any sort are permitted as part of a costume)





Calendar:

Friday, October 4th: Friday Friendly Reader Begins

**Friday, October 11th: 12:45pm Dismissal for Full-time Students,
Optional Parent Teacher Conferences**

Friday, October 25th: School Closed, Staff Development Day for Teachers

Thursday, October 31st: Halloween Parade at 10:45am.

As always please let us know if anyone has any questions, comments, or ideas! We are ready for an exciting and inventive October.

Sincerely,
Bright Beginnings NYC