

Dear Bright Beginnings NYC Parents!

## Preschool:

It has been an eventful summer here at Bright Beginnings! We had so much fun during sprinkler play, outdoors readers theater, and enjoyed our theme Fashion and Textiles! The students have been busy learning all about different fashion
 textiles, pattern making, day to day fashion, and fashion from around the world! It has been a great cultural theme to ring in our summer fun and learning. We've also had some holiday fun celebrating Independence Day and Labor Day, and are excitedly awaiting the start of the academic school year.

Some of the Big Friends favorite lessons included pattern collaging with different fabric prints during textiles week, runway fashion in our
 pretend play center during summer fashion week, and banana bread making when learning about our friends in uniforms, like chefs! They also continued working on both writing and pre-reading skills, getting
 themselves ready for the year ahead. Amazing job Big Friends!

The Little Friends had an awesome August as well! They laced silk worms when learning about where silk comes from, made headbands during
 accessories and hats week, and conducted some fun science experiments too. One of their favorite experiments was exploring water repellent $v$. water absorbent materials when learning about rainwear. The Little Friends also continued reviewing their number and letter ranges getting ready for September. Great job Little Friends.


As September nears we are excited for our current friends to move up and for our new students to begin! And as with every school year, our first theme will be All About Me. We will be exploring self portraits and descriptions, physical traits and personality traits, and our neighborhood too. In addition we will begin our letter and number curriculums as well so we can get the school started on the right foot!

## Housekeeping:

There are a few dates to keep in mind for September. We will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.
 Our academic school year will begin on Tuesday, September 3rd with a regular schedule. In addition, our after school program will begin on Monday, September 9th with a regular schedule. If you have not yet submitted your after school pick up schedule please do so as soon as possible.

## Calendar Dates:

Monday, September 2nd: Labor Day; School Closed
Tuesday, September 3rd: Academic School Year Begins!


Monday, September 9th: After School Program Commences!

Next, there is one finalization to our teaching teams that will help make for the best start to our year! We have been busy training our new staff all of August and will continue to do so as the fall trimester commences. Mrs. Stacy will continue to train in our preschool curriculum and routines but will currently head specifically our After School program with Mr. Jake as previously assigned. Ms. Samantha and Mr. Jake will lead the Big Friends as previously stated as well, but in addition to Ms. Allison during some academic periods when needed in place of Mrs. Stacy while she continues to train and become more comfortable.


We also thank the Big Friend parents for being so open and understanding over these last two months as we have been training and trying different teams to confirm the best team moving forward. Ms. Sam, having been here for quite some time already and being familiar to all of you and our current students, and Mr. Jake with his unique experience form a wonderful teaching team dynamic.
Together their instruction is engaging, creative, and already on par with all of the expectations we uphold for the Big Friends class.


We hope all of you are getting ready for the wonderful year ahead and are supportive in the lead teams moving forward. Please let us know if anyone has any questions, comments, or ideas! In addition, Ms. Allison is available in the office and via email at your earliest convenience. We hope to hear any and all feedback and are ready to start the year strong!

