

Dear Bright Beginnings NYC Parents,



It has been a wonderful first month of 2020. The students are loving the fairytale theme and have created some fantastic extensions around them. Some of the titles we explored this month were The Three Little Pigs, Jack and the Bean Stalk, Rapunzel, Snow White, and Little Red Riding Hood. Some of their favorite activities included a Rapunzel spaghetti hair sensory bin, giant cinnamon roll bake, and princess fairy slime creation. We also completed another wonderful and informative parent work shop. We hope everyone enjoyed it and would love to see more parents faces next month!



Preschool:

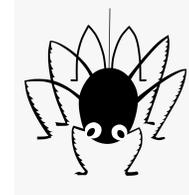
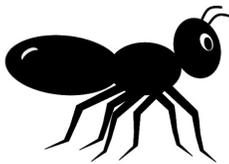
The Big Friends class enjoyed learning the tales of Jack and the Bean Stalk, Snow White, and Little Red Riding Hood. They worked on sequencing numbers 1-20 on “Jack’s Bean Stalk”, as well as planting their very own beans that hung in the classroom window. The Big Friends also baked a GIANT cinnamon roll for the Giant in the tale focusing on quantities, measurements, and following step directives. During their Snow White week, the children worked on AAB patterning sequences with Snow Whites Dwarf hats, and are progressing with their self portraits that they drew within Snow White’s magic mirror. The students also worked on the letters O, P, Q, and R! One of their favorite letter exploration lessons included making play dough pretzels for P and cutting and coloring their very own quilt pieces for Q. Great Job Big Friends!



The Little Friends explored Jack and the Bean Stalk, Three Little Pigs, Rapunzel,



and Little Red Riding Hood. They had so much fun making “piggy toast” focusing on following steps and facial feature placement, crafted three little pigs houses using popsicle sticks, and also participated in the bean stalk plant along. The Little Friends class also worked on a big/small size sort from Jack and the Bean Stalk and had a messy fun time making Rapunzel’s hair using spaghetti for a sensory blast experience! The students focused on the letters I, J, and K this month and crafted a large “King K” that can be seen hanging up in the classroom. They also counted insects for the letter “I” and did an “I” is for ice bin as well. Amazing work Little Friends!



Looking to next month the students have really been into their nature observations on our outdoor walks and insect books in the classroom libraries. Therefore the new theme for February will be BUGS! We are super excited about this new theme and can’t wait to introduce and explore all the bugs that will be creeping out of their hiding places once spring rolls around.



After School:

The After School class also had a fun filled busy month! With the arrival of the new year the after schoolers created their very own new years resolutions. They also had fun in movement playing freeze tag and tissue dancing (students placed tissue paper on their head and had to practice fluid movement and balance to make sure it didn’t fall off). They cooked wonderful winter recipes including winter marble cookies, hot cocoa, pea soup, and apple cinnamon oatmeal muffins. They also learned about fingerprints in science and how each one is uniquely individual and conducted a mold experiment with bread slices when learning about germs. Awesome job After School!

Housekeeping:

Parent Workshops...

There are quite a few updates and calendar dates to keep in mind for February!



The first item is the continuation of the parent workshops! They have been a great hit with all you parents and we are so happy to continue hosting them as well as building a stronger parent community for everyone here at Bright Beginnings. We will continue to host them monthly as per your request. If you would like them to be more often please let us know and we can see what we can schedule. We would also like to extend an invite for the parents who have not be able to make it yet. We do think it is a positive learning experience for everyone as well as a community builder. If you have not already attended one, please try and sign up. We will continue to go over all the topics you guys suggest. Just for future reference, we will try and schedule them on the third Wednesday of every month. We hope to see everyone at the next one (which will most likely be Wednesday, February 19th).

Dates...

Next, we will be closed on Monday, February 17th, in observance of Presidents Day. We will re-open with a regular schedule on Tuesday, February 18th.

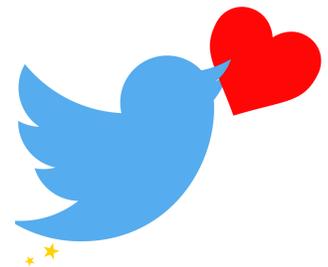


After School Winter Break...

We also know that after school will be on their winter break during the week of President's day (2/17-2/21). Our after school program will remain open during this week (Tuesday-Friday). If you are already scheduled for a specific week day and would like to drop off, you may do so at 2:30pm. Please make sure to inform the after school teachers the week before if you will be dropping off on your designated day so that we may have a confirmed head count. Thank you.

Website Updates and Social Media Revamp...

Lastly, as you may have noticed, we have been expanding our digital foot print, which is so exciting! We have relaunched our twitter account with the handle **@BrightBeginNYC**. Please be sure to follow us for all the daily happenings at the preschool, any updates we need to provide you with (school closings, events, etc), and wonderful articles and resources for parents. We are active on our twitter daily and hope to see everyone there!





We will also be re-launching our facebook page, create a facebook group for our parents as a conversation continuation of our parent workshops, and we are very very excited to introduce our new website! It has been in the making for quite some time. There are still a few edits we will like to make. The new website will consist of all current material and information as well as contain a new blog portion focused on supporting your questions and topic suggestions, and include a video portal as well. We have heard your suggestions from the parent evaluation and having a more interactive and user motivated online platform is always at the top of the list! So here we go! As soon as it is ready and live we will let you know.

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