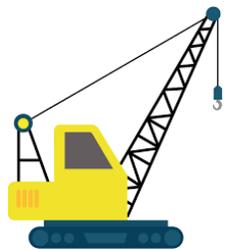




Dear Bright Beginnings NYC Parents,



It was a wonderful February here at Bright Beginnings NYC. The winter chill is in full swing and has kept us inside for a few days alongside the construction that has thankfully cleared our entrance way. We would like to thank parents for baring with us while we dealt with the obstacles, but we are thrilled to have it gone and have our wonderful sun soaked windows back!



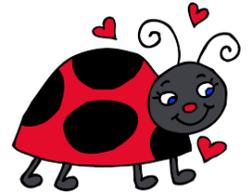
This February we had so much fun exploring the theme of bugs! The students learned about everything from the common ladybug to stink bugs and even scorpions. Some of their favorite activities this month included making slug slime, going on a glow in the dark bug scavenger hunt, and the garden mud bin.

Preschool

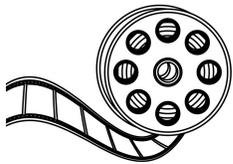
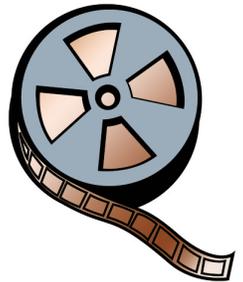
The Big Friends were hard at work this month incorporating a variety of bugs within their learning. Some of their favorite bugs included bees, ladybugs, and butterflies. The students also had a blast cooking up dirt cups when learning about worms, creating pattern worms with pipe cleaners and beads, and did some great ladybug button counting with a focus on 1:1 correspondence. They also made hexagon beehives with popsicle sticks during their bee unit. The Big Friends continued their letter curriculum with the letters T, U, and V. They made iced tea for “T” and honed their fine motor skills by creating vases for the letter V. Awesome job friends!



The Little Friends also kept very busy this month. They had fun participating in activities like shape bug creations and glow water science! How cool is that! The students worked on shape IDs and were given an array of different shapes to collage with the goal of designing their very own new bugs! You can see them hanging up in the classroom. The students also had fun making glow water mimicking the characteristic that scorpions are able to make themselves glow. They used water, the ink from hi-liters, and a blacklight to create this science experiment. The Little Friends also did some ladybug spot counting, made a mud bin for letter M, and created a camouflage leaf collage. Great Job Little Friends!



Looking to next month we are excited to introduce the theme of Movies! We are thrilled the children chose this theme since we've never had it at the preschool before. It is a completely new topic that we are ready to explore alongside our lovely little student guides. Some of the areas we are hoping to focus on are genres, styles, and movies through the years. We know it's going to be an exciting March theme.



After School

Our wonderful After school crew had a blast this month! Some of their cooking recipes included tuna salad, healthy oatmeal muffins, apple chips, and more. They also played Disney musical chairs, animal freeze dance, and became musical conductors for when learning about instruments. The after school students also had fun using cars to paint for art and have really been loving the book nook this month. Wonderful job After School!

Housekeeping

Lastly, we do have a few minor housekeeping dates to keep in mind for the month of March. We would like to remind parents that we will be having our spring staff professional development day on Friday, March 6th. This will be a full day staff attendance day and a non-attendance day for students. The preschool will be closed to all students, both preschool and after school on this day. We will re-open with a regular schedule on Monday, March 9th.



We will also be having our March parent workshop on Wednesday, March 25th, at the preschool, from 6-7pm. We will need at least ten parents to sign up please.

Lastly, just a reminder that the school twitter is live! If you have not already, be sure to create an account and follow us on twitter for all the latest happenings at the preschool and neighborhood. We are live on there every day, even most weekends! So create the account at we'll see you there. Our handle is @BrightBeginNYC.



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

Sincerely,
Bright Beginnings NYC