



Dear Bright Beginnings NYC Parents,

Spring has sprung here at Bright Beginnings! The kiddos have been busy watching the days steadily grow longer and have loved the extra bit of sunshine we've been able to catch during our playground time. Before we say hello to April, let's peek back at a few of our favorite March moments.

## **Preschool**

The Friends had a royally good time learning all about fairy tales this month! To start things off, the Big Friends covered the classic stories we know and love and acted out a scene from Little Red Riding Hood. Next, the Friends went on a heroic quest to save the princess by drawing our pal Shrek as a knight. After that, things took a dastardly turn as we studied some of our favorite villains and helped Ursula back into her underwater cave. To tie things up the Friends wrote their own fairy tale adventures, with a lot of them starring their mommies and daddies! Adding to our epic educations, the Big Friends moved through the alphabet with the uppercase and lowercase letters M, N, and O! Some alphabetical highlights included jamming on maracas for letter M, catching their names with nets for letter N, and honing our mathematical skills with our O is for Odd Onion Layer Sequencing activity. Great job Big Friends!





The Little Friends kept just as busy conquering their learning throughout March! To begin our daring discoveries, the Little Friends studied Rapunzel and how she saved the day with her long hair by giving her a Play-Doh updo. Once we mastered the classics, the Friends took a closer look at the heroes of these stories and measured themselves against a

giant beanstalk alongside Jack! The Friends then examined what makes our vile villains tick by building Mother Gothel's twisted tower. Finally, to end the month, the Friends wrote their own fairy tales, just like the Big Friend crew (trust me, they will leave you on the edge of your seat)! Going along with our awesome adventures, the Little Friends also learned about the letters M, N, and O! A few of our favorite activities from the month included our M is for Mischievous Shape Monsters, counting eggs in a nest for letter N, and exploring an outrageous orange for letter O. Nice work Little Friends!





We are super excited to introduce our new theme for April: The Ocean! The Friends were eager to learn more about the sea pals that lived with the Little Mermaid and Ursula and had lots of questions about what underwater life was like. All through April, the Friends will be discovering how deep the ocean truly is, how dolphins communicate with each other, and what kinds of creatures we can find in the darkest part of the sea. We're ready to dive into our ocean studies come April!

## **After-School**

The After-School crew were also feeling spring fever in March! Our After-School pals have had a blast making chalk creations at the playground when there weren't raindrops to dodge and have been abuzz with spring break holiday plans. Some activities that stood out this month were using spray bottles to paint a festive spring egg, helping

each other trace their shadows, and watching an epic explosion during our baking soda rocket ship launch. We also got our bodies moving with some

out of this world Star Wars Yoga and a whacky animal relay race. Way to go After-School!

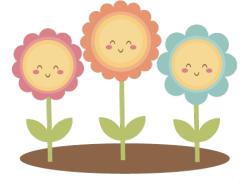
## Housekeeping

There are a few items to keep in mind for April. First, Bright Beginnings NYC will be holding its optional annual spring conferences on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. All our full-time students will be dismissed from 12:45-1:00 and it is a non-attendance day for the

After-School program, so please plan accordingly. Keep a look out for an e-mail this week with our conference sign-up sheet if you are interested in chit chatting with us. Just as a reminder, conferences are completely optional 😌. We'll see you there!

Next, as sent in a previous e-mail, we will be changing our afternoon playground schedule starting April 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be at the playground from 4:15-4:45, so please plan accordingly if you are planning on picking your child up early. We can't wait for the warmer and sunnier days that lay ahead of us!









Finally, we still have spots available for our special Friday Readers! We loved having Maya's mom, Jessica, pop by and read "Unicorns are the Worst" (who knew)! If you are interested in reading to the class, please let us know and we'll get your name added to the list. Happy reading!

## **Important Dates:**

-April 1st: Afternoon Playground Time Switch (4:15-4:45)

-April 12<sup>th</sup>: Optional Spring Conferences. 12:45-1:00 DISMISSAL FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS AND NON-ATTENDANCE DAY FOR AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The brings an end to March! The Friends are ready for the leaves to grow back and to watch the world around us come back to life during our upcoming spring months. As always, please send us an e-mail or catch us at the door if you have any questions, comments, or ideas. See ya next year March!



Sincerely, Bright Beginnings NYC Staff