

Dear Bright Beginnings NYC Parents,

The April showers have certainly brought lots of lovely May flowers around Bright Beginnings NYC! The friends have had a blast watching our courtyard come to life and have been so excited to share the different kinds of plants they've seen while on strolls with their mommies and daddies. Before we really put those winter jackets away, let's look back at our April adventures.

### **Preschool**

Our April went along swimmingly as we studied the ocean and all its unique layers! To dive right in, the Big Friends headed to the Sunlight Zone and met a super squiggly squid buddy who taught us how they use their ink powers to stay extra safe. Next, the friends went down a bit further to the Twilight Zone and painted a prickly pufferfish using forks. After we were done getting



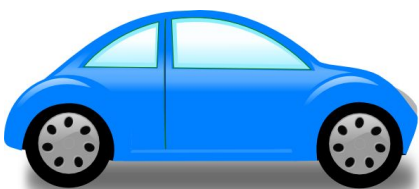


all puffed up, the Bigs busted out their scuba gear and sunk down to the illusive Midnight Zone and rolled up their own blobfish pals using sticky icky pink slime. Things took a super dark turn as the group traversed the trenches and ran into the zombie worm who showed us how tasty bones can be. To end our sea dwelling discoveries, the group traveled to all the different regions around the world and took a pitstop in Europe to share a yummy fishy snack with a friendly basking shark. To tie into our fun filled learnings, the Bigs moved right along with their alphabet curriculum by studying the uppercase and lowercase letters O, P, and Q! Some of our favorite moments from April included getting dressed up in a few outrageous outfits for O, our P is for Plump Pumpkin Patterning, and asking inquisitive questions to our friends for letter Q. Wonderful job Big Friends!

The Littles had just as much fun bubbling through our ocean studies! First, the friends packed their sunglasses and chilled out in the Sunlight Zone with a few talented turtles and their special nests. Once we waved a slow goodbye to our shelled buddies, the group trekked to the Twilight Zone and jumped as high as they could to catch their dinner like the hatchet fish. After we've gotten our fill, we lowered ourselves into the Midnight Zone and explored what the see-through barreleye fish has going on in its noggin. Although the Midnight Zone was dark, we learned what life would look like with no light as we made our way through the trenches and gobbled up bean bags whole like a goblin shark. The friends wrapped things up by hopping on a boat to explore all the different oceans our planet has to offer and helped a few lumpfish find a nifty rock to hang out on. Going along with our sea studies, the Littles also learned about the letters O, P, and Q! A few



highlights from the month were tossing bouncy ball "rocks" to each other like otters for O, creating our own unique planets for letter P, and exploring quirky quartz pieces for letter Q. Way to



go Little Friends!

Now that April is coming to a close it's time to unveil our next theme: transportation! The kiddos have loved spotting the different vehicles touring around our neighborhood during our walks and are always ready to have an in-depth discussion about Lightning McQueen and his pals (we're looking at you Jero)! All through May, the friends will be studying the different service vehicles that help keep us safe and happy, what we can ride in to travel across the world, and the modes of transportation that are perfect for venturing through our beloved oceans. We're ready to go go go come May!



### Housekeeping

There are a few important dates to mark on your calendars for May. First, we will be holding our annual Mother's Day Brunch on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>! Our doors will be open from 8:30-10:30 for all our lovely Bright Beginnings NYC moms to pop by for a bite

to eat and to celebrate all that you do. We also would love to see grandmas, aunts, and other mommy figures stop by if they're in the neighborhood ☺. We'll see you there moms!

Next, Bright Beginnings NYC will be **closed** on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> with a regular schedule.

We also have some exciting news, a new face will be joining the Bright Beginnings NYC staff part-time. We are giving a huge preschool welcome to Ms. Abigail who will be supporting both Big Friends and Little Friends classes for our morning sessions. Ms. Abigail is receiving her degree in early childhood education, with a teaching background in Montessori preschool education as well. We are





excited for her to join our team as she finishes her degree and are excited for our ever growing staff! We hope all parents welcome her with open arms as well.

We also still have spots open for our Fun Friday Reader! We absolutely loved having Hailey's mom Zoe read to us a wonderful rendition of Goldilocks and the Three Bears that got all of the kiddos buzzing with excitement for days. If you're interested in reading to the crew, please let us know and we'll add your name to the list ☺.

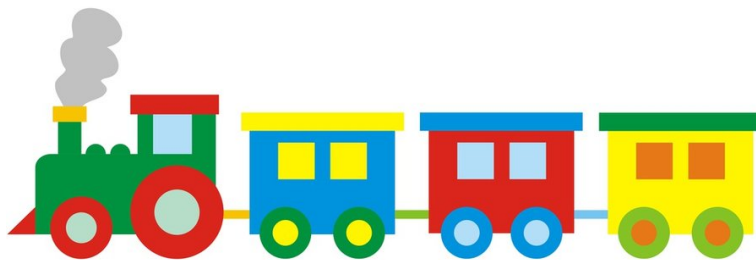
Just as a kind reminder, tuition payments are due no later than the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thank you in advance for keeping our systems in order!

**Important Dates:**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mother's Day Brunch. 8:30-10:30**

**May 26<sup>th</sup>: Memorial Day. SCHOOL CLOSED**

That's all for April! We are ready to soak up the sun and enjoy all the wonderful spring moments May has in store for us. As always, feel free to send us an e-mail or catch us at the door if you have any questions, comments, or ideas ☺. We'll see you in May!



Sincerely,  
Bright Beginnings NYC