



From the Director

Happy New Year Columbus Circle Families! We look forward to spending another year of exciting milestones and successes with you and your children!

Our annual Parent Satisfaction Survey is open through January 31st. Please take a moment to complete. The feedback we receive from this survey is imperative in celebrating our successes and creating action plans to implement improvements to your experience with us. The survey can be found [here](#). Once completed, please submit your families name in the raffle box at the front desk. We will select a name at the end of each week in January to win some great prizes! Thank you for your participation in this.

On Thursday, January 17th, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, we will be hosting a Baby Gear Cleaning Fundraiser. During this time you will have many different options of cleaning and repair services for your strollers and car seats from Tot Squad. A percentage of all sales will go toward the Bright Horizons Foundation. Learn more about all the great work this non-profit part of our organization does [here](#).

We would like to deeply thank all of you for the warm smiles and words, card, treats, gifts, etc. that were shown to the staff, fellow families, and ourselves over the last few weeks. The holiday season definitely brought out the sense of community we hope to establish at Columbus Circle and we look forward to continuing in that spirit in 2019!

Take care!
Karyn and TJ

Important Dates

January 2nd – January 31st – Parent Satisfaction Survey is open

January 1st – New Year's Day

January 17th – Baby Gear Cleaning Fundraiser

January 17th – Family Partnership Group Call

January 21st – CLOSED for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February 18th – CLOSED for Professional Development Day (President's Day)

Happy Birthday!!

Emilio F. – January 8th

Antonio V. – January 10th

Kyle C. – January 11th

Mr. Manny – January 13th

George C. – January 16th

Ms. Chanel – January 18th

Sophia C. – January 20th

Alexis C. – January 20th

Indira C. – January 20th

Ethan C. – January 23rd

Sonya B. – January 27th

Ms. Steph – January 31st



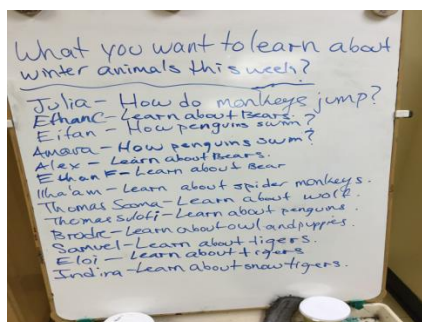
Well Aware

Our Infant program focuses on expanding the child's physical abilities and to developing a sense of self. Here we are learning to develop an awareness of our body parts and bodily powers, make intentional movements, and enjoy physical activity. We learn this by playing games that name and use body parts, practicing simple physical skills, and engaging in physical play.



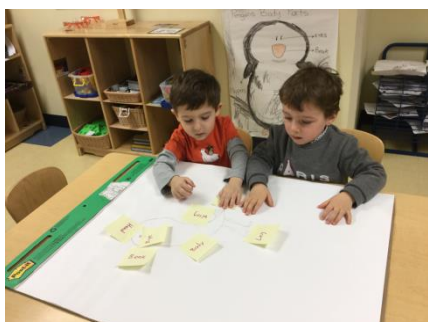
Math Counts

Our Young Preschoolers are constantly engaging in activities that support the foundation of mathematics. Here we are learning to understand quantity, basic counting, and classification skills. We learn this by manipulating stacking toys, playing sorting games, and experimenting with placing blocks together.



Science Rocks

Our Preschool teachers carefully plan science experiences that not only introduce scientific concepts and facts but also nurture curiosity, wonder, critical thinking, and an inquisitive approach toward learning. We learn to use what, why, when, where, and how questions appropriately and develop hypothesis and conclusions. We learn this by making charts of "what we want to know" questions before exploring concepts, as well as hearing and responding to open-ended questions posed throughout each day and all activities.



Language Works

The Preschool years are an exciting time of robust language development. Our pre-reading and reading skills are honed in many different ways. Here we are learning to understand that printed words and symbols have meaning. We learn this by identifying different objects with signs and labels, playing matching games that incorporate literacy, and looking at items with common sight words.

Giving Gifts from the Heart

Have you considered that generosity is a learned behavior that delights the givers as well as the receivers? By making gifts and cards for others, children experience the intrinsic joy of giving something they have created.

It's easy for adults to decide what to make and which materials to use. But remember, this is an offering from children. Within the realm of available resources, help them develop their ideas. Inspire their thoughts about the recipient. "What do you think you'd like to make for Aunt Alice?" "What does she like to do?" Remember, it's what children create that counts; suggest they draw pictures and dictate their sentiments.

In addition to family and friends, think about people beyond those we typically hold near and dear to us. Cards, artwork, and crafts made by children are a heartfelt way to say you care and show appreciation to military personnel, firefighters, police officers, librarians, residents in nursing homes, and others in the community.

Children are very resourceful and might have their own ideas for gifts. Below are a few simple gift suggestions to consider:

Picture frames

Children glue four wooden tongue depressors together to make a frame and then decorate the frame with paint, and add recycled materials such as odd puzzle pieces, small pieces of paper or fabric, and twigs. Be aware of choking hazards with young children.

Decorative boxes

Children paint recycled or purchased wooden/cardboard boxes and then decoupage photographs from magazines or photos of themselves onto the surfaces.

Sculptures

Children can create sculptures using commercial or home-made clays, wood, or recycled objects. Be sure to have lots of glue on hand.

Paper holders

These might be as simple as finding a unique rock, painting it, and using glue to attach a clothespin. A second option is to glue wood scraps together, paint the sculpture and add one or two clothespins to the top.

Planters

Children paint pots and use Mod Podge (purchased at a craft shop) to attach colorful tissue paper (cut into small squares). Another option is to use photographs and pictures from magazines.

Jewelry

Children make necklaces or bracelets by stringing commercial or homemade beads. They can create pins by gluing found objects (such as loose puzzle pieces or Legos) to a pin back and painting over the creation.

2019 Parent Satisfaction Survey

We value your feedback!

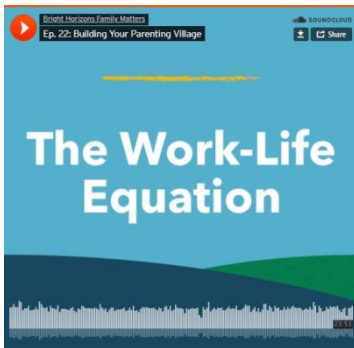
Each year, we ask families to give us important feedback and opinions about our center. This information helps us assess our strengths, and identify areas for improvement. We are truly committed to providing the highest quality education for your child and we believe that every opinion counts.

The survey is available from January 2nd – 31st. Please take a few moments to share your thoughts!

brighthorizons.com/parentsurvey

Featured Parenting Podcast Episode

Building Your Parenting Village



Overwhelmed by working parenthood? Stop trying to do it all alone. “People say I need help, but I don’t know where to get it,” says our guest Daisy Dowling. Get Daisy’s tips on who to ask for help, how to rally your village of volunteers, and why her secret isn’t doing more — but getting more done.

Ep. 22: Building Your Parenting Village

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