

# News from Clever Kids Learning Center

## From the Director

Conferences continue in the preschool classrooms. I hope that you take this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. Remember that if there is a conflict with your work schedule and the offered times, we will arrange a time with you after the scheduled conferences are completed.

Photos are now posted from the Maybe Something Beautiful activity! Officer Dan joined the children painting the mural and his appearance made the story come to life!

The re-accreditation process for NAEYC continues. The classroom portfolios are now complete and ready for review when a validator arrives. The portfolios are our documentation, or proof, that curriculum, health, personnel policies, and safety criteria are met. The validator is expected to arrive any time between now and March 31, 2019. I will definitely let you know when I have an actual date for the NAEYC validator to be in the center!

## Dates of Closure for 2018

- Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> – Veteran's Day
- Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thanksgiving
- Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – Federal Observance of Christmas

## Special Events

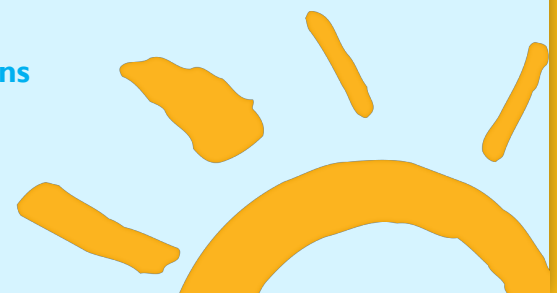
- Preschool Conferences are offered throughout November- Check with you child's teacher
- November 16<sup>th</sup> 3:30 – 4:30 Infant I Pumpkin Party
- November 30<sup>th</sup> 3:30 – 4:30 Preschool North Unique Family Traditions Party

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# CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

## Preschool I

Just a brief spotlight on the lesson which is posted on the Parent Information Board.

It intentionally highlights some of the activities and learning centers offered throughout the week. Subjects include Math Counts, Language Works, Art Smart, and Caring Matters.

Within these categories, we begin to understand about numbers, words, creativity, expression, and social-emotional skills. We learn it by expressing and investigating with materials, resources, language, expression and interaction opportunities.

I encourage you to take time to read the lesson plan weekly. It provides information on the multiple ways your child is learning about his/her world!

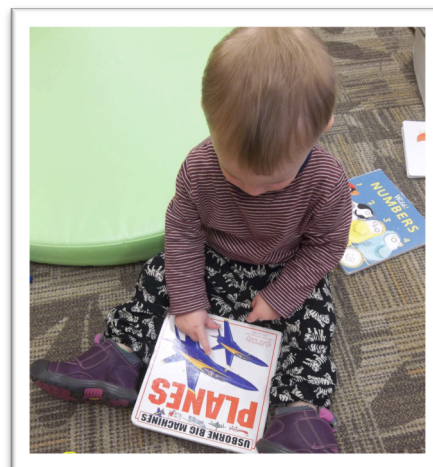
-Ms. Kathy



## Toddler I

One day while enjoying the fabulous weather outside, the kids decided to start rolling down the little hill on the playground. They laid on the ground with Ms. Nicole looking at the clouds. Ms. Nicole decided to take the opportunity to ask the kids questions about what they knew about clouds. Some said they were in the sky. Some said they looked like different objects. Then Ms. Nicole asked them what else is in the sky? Many of them said, "Airplanes!" So during the month of September we did many projects and lessons focusing on clouds, airplanes and the shapes we see. The children learned to initiate short conversations with teachers and also learned to ask short questions in conversations. They learn it by talking to teachers and peers at eye level. They also learned it by having conversations with teachers and friends about daily experiences and activities such as the cloud conversation that was started simply after they did a normal toddler thing...roll down a little hill.

-Ms. Nicole &  
Ms. Shreejana



# EDUCATION NEWS

## Learning a New Language: A Family Activity that Lasts a Lifetime

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Our country is a beautiful melting pot of people from all over the world. As we know, there are many different languages spoken on earth. Being able to talk to each other is an essential path to build bridges. Also, having the ability to communicate with people who speak a different language encourages cross-cultural understandings, which opens the door to new friendships. Think about how welcome someone feels when your family smiles and says hello in their native language. Have you ever considered learning a foreign language along with your child?

Research shows that exposing young children to different languages taps into their innate ability to distinguish sounds, which enhances their growing cognitive skills. Because young children generally learn a new language more quickly than adults, your child might take the lead. There are many language learning opportunities online, from interactive exercises that teach language to watching YouTube videos. Some are even free, while others require purchasing a program. Two recommended websites:

### **Duolingo**

[www.duolingo.com](http://www.duolingo.com) offers interactive lessons in Spanish, French, Italian, German and Portuguese.

### **Mamma Lisa's World of Children and International Culture**

[www.mamalisa.com](http://www.mamalisa.com) offers poems, songs, rhymes and traditions from around the world, in over 57 languages.

As you begin learning a language together, you might delve into the culture of the countries where the language is spoken, pick up children's books in that language or prepare a traditional recipe from that country.

Everything we do as a family builds a stronger, more caring, cohesive unit. Practicing a new language broadens our view of the world. It's fun and can be done anywhere: while taking walks, commuting, playing a game, listening to music, dancing, dining, reading bilingual books, and watching a movie.



# BRIGHT HORIZONS NEWS

## Thanksgiving Prep - Tips for Involving Kids

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- 1) Make the cranberry sauce with the kids the weekend before Thanksgiving. It will keep and it allows you to include the children in the cooking process.
- 2) Have the kids make place cards together. Give them index cards, markers, crayons and stickers. Older children can write the names, inventive spelling and all, while younger children can decorate with stickers.
- 3) Try to find the easiest Thanksgiving worthy appetizers you can that the children can help prep by counting crackers, opening jars, and arranging plates.
- 4) Ask them to be taste testers and enjoy your Thanksgiving meal!

## Podcasts for Parents on the Go

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Did you know that Bright Horizons has a podcast? Navigate your parenting journey with our podcast series created with working parents in mind.

Tune into our podcast, **The Work-Life Equation**, to hear about parenting, caregiving, and balancing work with everyday life. Whether you're a working or stay-at-home parent, you're likely always on-the-go. But throughout the daily hustle and bustle, you have questions, concerns, and simply need support.

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