



From the Director

Hello families,

With summer slowly ending, we are looking forward to a new school year and cooler weather!

Family Partnership Group – At The Academy we want to encourage and facilitate an interactive partnership between families, teachers, and staff. Our family partnership group gives all families the opportunity to contribute to our center's culture. We meet virtually once a month to share and discuss new and exciting updates, listen to ideas on how to improve our center, and celebrate teachers. If you are interested in joining the group, please reach out to me.

Do you know someone who would benefit from high-quality early education for their little one? Share your Bright Horizons experience! For a limited time, we are running an enhanced referral program for enrolled families. If you refer a family between August 15, 2022 and November 30, 2022 and they enroll by December 31, 2022, you can earn up to \$1,000 in tuition credits per family... plus, we'll give your friend a tuition credit as well. Referring is easy, simply visit go.brighthorizons.com/family-referral and start sharing today! Thank you for helping our center grow.

As a reminder, we are closed on Wednesday, October 5th, for Professional Development Day. At Bright Horizons, we value our teachers and provide opportunities for them to learn and grow in the field of early childhood education. Our staff will use this time to complete trainings, collaborate with one another, and improve their knowledge about our Discovery Driven Learning curriculum.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kara Lewis Almanza

Important Dates

Closed for Labor Day – 9/5

First Day of Fall – 9/22

Water Days – 9/8, 9/14, 9/22

Closed for Professional Development Day
– 10/5

*Tuition is due on 9/25

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Reasons to Celebrate

Birthdays

Leon B. 9/9

Ms. Ria 9/17

Ms. Steffi 9/24

Nawaf A. 9/28

Darius D. 9/28

Alyssa W. 9/28

Ms. Carol – 11 Year Anniversary

Ms. Ria – 8 Year Anniversary

Help Our Family Grow! Word of mouth and Google Reviews are two great ways for prospective families to hear about our wonderful center.

[LEAVE A GOOGLE REVIEW BY CLICKING HERE.](#)



Yellow Room

The Yellow Room has been very interested in bugs and insects, particularly bees and ladybugs. To foster this interest, the teachers went to a garden center to get 300 living ladybugs to let out on our playground.

This gave the children an opportunity for hands-on learning, and during their observations, the teachers encouraged curiosity and questions. The children were able to understand and appreciate nature, and learned how to be gentle when handling the small insects. The ladybugs stuck around on our playground for a few days, so it was fun to see the older classrooms enjoy them too!



Blue Room

The Blue Room has been using their creativity to make various things out of Legos and blocks. The teachers drew a river on a piece of paper and they talked about what different things they could build for the river.

The children built a bridge for their cars to go over, and they worked together to make sure it was a success. Building with Legos helps to build fine motor skills, communication and language skills, and helps them learn how to problem solve.



Orange Room

The Orange Room has recently been introduced to some classic board games such as Candy Land, Hi Ho! Cherry O, and Twister! Simple board games are a great way for children to learn how to follow simple rules, work together as a team, and learn how to cope with winning and losing. Patience is also a great skill that can be learned through playing board games, and it can also build a child's self-confidence.

Introducing Growing Readers: Ready to Read

For over 20 years, Bright Horizons has shared high-quality children's book recommendations with families, children, and teachers through our Growing Readers program. Now, we're bringing Growing Readers: Ready to Read — our new curriculum supplement — into our classrooms!

Designed to support pre-reading and reading skills for children preschool and older, it builds on language experiences that start in the infant and toddler years. Developed exclusively for Bright Horizons, Growing Readers: Ready to Read focuses on three critical elements that young children need to thrive as readers — joy, confidence, and skills.

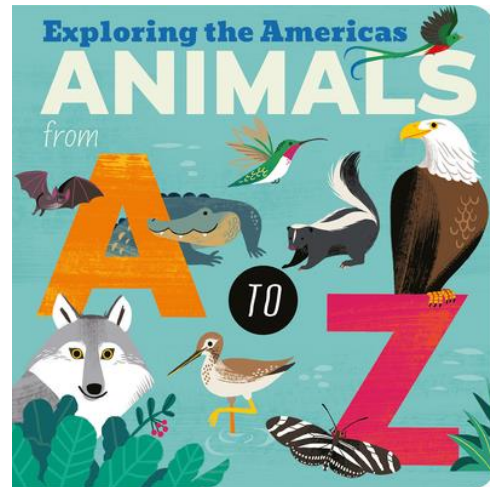
Keep an eye out for Growing Readers: Ready to Read experiences in your child's classroom as centers start to implement the program this month.

Toilet Learning: Are You Ready?

Here are a few questions to consider and discuss before introducing your child to toilet learning.

- ▶ Can you dedicate a couple of days to stay close to home to start the process?
- ▶ Is your family facing a major change, such as moving to a new home or the birth of a baby?
- ▶ Are you prepared to wash additional loads of laundry?
- ▶ Do you have ample paper towels and cleaning products available?
- ▶ Have you determined which words we will use for urination and bowel movements?
- ▶ Will you use a toilet insert, a small potty-chair, or will you demonstrate how to hold on to the toilet?

[Learn how to spot signs](#) that show your child may be ready to begin toilet learning and find additional tips and resources on the process.



Growing Readers – September Issue

This month's Growing Readers Books Club is going on an adventure in search of letters and sounds! Inspired by September's Book of Excellence, *Animals from A to Z: Exploring the Americas* by Amelia Hepworth and Carolina Buzio, our alphabet adventure encourages an investigation of the world through an interactive game of language-based observation.

Click [here](#) to read the current review and watch the video!

Upcoming Webinar

Managing Screen Time in the Digital World

Remote school and video chats have made screen time more normal at an early age. Learn how to negotiate screen time for your child, set healthy boundaries, and navigate your increasingly digital life.

Thursday, September 22, 2022
12:30 PM EST – 1:30 PM EST

[**Register Today!**](#)

