

Bernice E. Lavin Early Childhood Education Center News

Photo Day By Lil'Angels



Picture Day is

Tuesday 9/18

for A1, A2, A3, A4, D3 & D4

Wednesday 9/19

for A5, A6, A7, D1, D2 & E1

Thursday 9/20

for B1, B2, B3, C1 & C2

Friday 9/21

for B4, B5 & B6

Monday 9/24

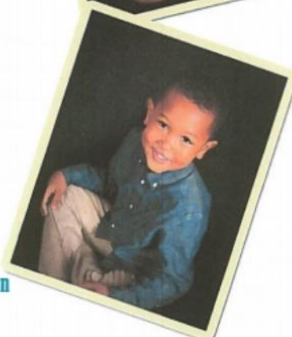
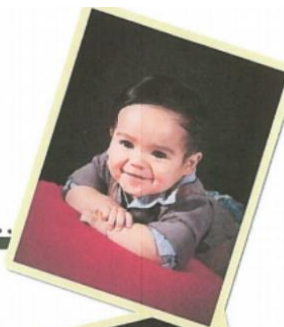
for C3 & C4,
Make-Up Day, Re-Try's

Do you have more than one child?
Sibling pictures will be taken together on
your **YOUNGEST** child's picture day

Lil' Angels Photography gladly photographs all students in multiple poses with no pre-pay or obligation to purchase. Approximately 2 weeks after picture day, Lil' Angels will return with your child's portraits to view and order.



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Important Dates

- Sept 3..... Labor Day (School Closed)
- Sept 4..... 1st Day of Kindergarten
- Sept 14 Kindergarten Parent Meeting 4:30-5:30PM in EI
- Sept 18 Family Partnership Group Meeting
- Sept 18 Field Trip EI to Olive Pk 10-11:30
- Sept 21 Evacuation Drill to Shirley Ryan AbilityLab
- Sept 25 Infant and Toddler Curriculum Night
- Sept 26 Preschool Curriculum Night
- Oct 8..... Columbus Day-School is Open
School Age Drop-In Day
- Oct 31 Imagination Day Parade

CURRICULUM Night

First Floor Infant and Toddlers
September 25 from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM
Second Floor Young Preschool, Preschool,
and Kindergarten
September 26 from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM

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Monday – Friday 6:30 AM – 6:00 PM



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

Infant

Did you know one of our Signature Practices is "Prime Times" are those teachable moments of one-on-one responsive and nurturing interactions between an adult and a child--those moments when a child has your full attention. These are times when basic human needs are being met such as supporting an infant when he or she is learning to walk. Our teachers build trusting relationships with your child creating those moments... nurturing, communicating, and interacting often throughout the school day.

Toddlers

Meet our budding artists---Sebastian and Judah! These young toddlers are engaging in meaningful art activities expressing their creativity at the easel making deliberate markings and drawings using color and a paintbrush. What an exciting moment to see your creations come to life on paper as a special masterpiece!

Young Preschool

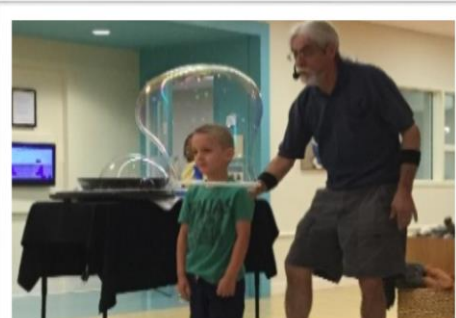
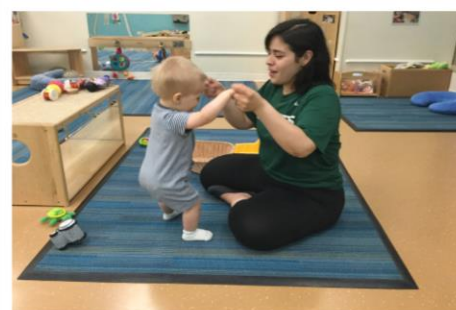
We can do it...yes we can! Everett, Blaise, and Ayla are practicing good personal health care as they work on brushing their teeth at school. These young preschoolers are learning about proper hygiene when following simple instructions such as making sure to brush the top and bottom rows of teeth moving their brushes from front to back. Tooth brushing is an important part of our health and safety program understanding the importance of cleanliness.

Preschool

Water Play provides opportunities for children to develop fine and gross motor skills. Children increase their fine motor skills and hand to eye coordination practicing pouring, squirting, scrubbing, scooping, stirring and squeezing. Water play also releases energy which can be invigorating or relaxing for young children running their hands through the water. As well water play increases a child's ability to focus on one activity when presented as a tranquil and repetitive activity. Gentle water play allows children to unwind, calm down and order their thoughts. Great job Lea!

Kindergarten Prep/Kindergarten

"In the month of August the kindergarten classroom participated in several field trips. One of the most amazing presentations was "Ben the Bubble Man!" The bubble man was able to create bubbles of all different sizes that when floating could be captured without bursting. The most unique bubble was the "square" bubble! Who would ever think that there was a possibility of blowing a square bubble! Mr. Ben did! The bubble man was able to combine bubbles that became larger creations much to the delight of the children. The best trick of all was when the bubble man placed an entire bubble over Ethan encasing him in a transparent cocoon. The EI students had a great time on their field trip. We hope to invite the bubble man back next summer for more of his astonishing bubble magic."



READY FOR SCHOOL NEWS

Cooking - A Family Affair

Gathering in kitchens nourishes our bodies, minds, and souls. Preparing meals together as a family enhances relationships, invites contribution, and helps children understand basic cooking principles. Also, children develop patience as they discover that delicious food doesn't just magically appear. Although cooking as a family affair is probably not as easy as adults whipping up a quick dinner, with a bit of forethought, more cooks stirring a pot can be fun and has tremendous benefits for everyone involved.

Cooking with children helps them learn about nutrition and hone basic reading, math, and science concepts. Reading recipes and learning kitchen vocabulary expands literacy skills, while counting, measuring, and fractions, foster mathematical thinking. Young chefs learn about chemistry and the physical properties of matter as they mix ingredients and watch them combine, separate, expand, change color, develop scents, and change form.

Research shows that children who help in the kitchen develop healthy eating habits because they tend to eat what they prepare. Below are a few suggestions for toddlers and preschoolers.

Toddlers

Choose simple cooking tasks that match your toddler's skills and attention span.

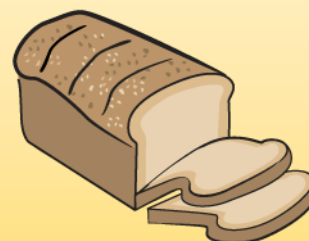
- Wash fruit and vegetables.
- Measure, pour, mix, and stir ingredients.
- Put ingredients in a crockpot or blender.
- Mash potatoes.



Preschoolers

Discuss nutrition and why our bodies and minds need the right kind of fuel to work correctly.

- Help plan meals.
- Chop, grate, peel, and cut ingredients.
- Shuck corn.
- Crack eggs.
- Count and categorize ingredients (wet and dry items).



BRIGHT HORIZONS NEWS

Learn about the year ahead at Curriculum Night



Ask about our upcoming Curriculum Night event!

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During Curriculum Night, you will learn what we have planned for the year ahead for our center's curriculum as well as community center events. Spend time in your child's classroom, ask about the curriculum for their age group, and ask their teacher about future project plans. This event can also be a great time to connect with fellow Bright Horizons families!

Learn about our Bright Horizons educator promises. As Bright Horizons Educators, we promise to...

Nurture and care for the whole child

Craft curriculum based on expert research

Support and develop teachers

Implement an emergent and integrated approach to learning

Cultivate curiosity through projects, exploration, and play

Encourage children to be confident experimenters and problem solvers

Build an inclusive and respectful community

Create joyful places for childhood



Check out all the places you can connect with us!