

Bright Horizons at Wheaton News

Family Literacy Night

Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed our Family Literacy Night. A great time was had by all.



June Menus

June menus will be available on the Bright Horizons website as well as sent in an e-mail on Monday, June 4th. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Important Dates

6/9- Kindergarten Prep graduation

6/11- Summer Camp begins

6/15- Donuts with Dad

7/4- Independence Day- School Closed

7/12- Family BBQ

Summer Camp Caring Matters

Beginning in June, our summer campers will be hosting a few fundraising events to support BHFS Bright Spaces. Throughout the summer, they will also be collecting various items to donate to those in need. More information will be provided as these events and collections are occurring.

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CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

Infant

Toward a Better World: Social Relationships

We learn to purposefully interact with peers. We learn it by playing near our peers in a carpeted or cushioned area.



Toddler

Science Rocks: Active Exploration

We learn to experiment with volume. We learn it by filling containers with water to make sensory bottles.



Twos

ArtSmart: Visual Art

We learn to investigate the world through our senses. We learn it by exploring materials such as play dough, feathers and paint and using them to create birds.



Preschool

Math Counts: Understanding of Numbers

We learn to understand quantities related to numbers. We learn it by counting out small groups of bugs to match the number of dots on dice.



Kindergarten Prep

Science Rocks: Investigate Properties

We learn to examine, describe and compare the properties of objects or materials. We learn it by making and playing with slime.



READY FOR SCHOOL NEWS

Homegrown Readers

It's never too early to start "growing readers"! Research has shown that children who have a close adult who reads to and with them -- especially in the very early years -- learn language and literacy skills, develop an appreciation of books, and experience stronger family relationships.

Reading with your child can be one of the most rewarding and memorable ways to spend time together. In addition to having lasting effects on cognitive, language, and literacy development, sharing books inspires your child's curiosity and creativity. Cuddling up with a book is an intimate activity that builds strong, loving, lifelong bonds.

A few tips for reading with your child:

- Designate a regular time and place to curl up together with a book. Invite your child to select books but also introduce new stories.
- Before you begin a new book, talk about the title, the cover, the author, and the illustrator. Ask thought-provoking questions about the book. "What do you think this story is about?"
- Understand that young children love to hear the same stories over and over again. Repetition provides a level of comfort and enables children to become the experts on the storyline. Also, it allows them to get familiar with the words, and eventually "read" the book to you.
- Make reading interactive; ask questions such as, "What do you think happens next in the story?" Or "How would you handle this situation?" It's interesting to hear your child's impression of the story.
- Expand your child's horizons. When your child develops a new interest, go to the library and find books on that subject.
- Have fun and be playful! When you read aloud, try to make your voice exciting and dramatic for the different parts of the story.

There is so much multicultural, informative, historical, traditional, silly, experiential, and even futuristic literature for young children these days. Refer to "Bright Horizons Growing Readers" to access family resources, books suggestions, at-home reading activities, and tips on reading aloud.

www.brighthorizons.com/childrenbooks



Education & Development

BRIGHT HORIZONS NEWS

Learning at Home: Summer Activity

Our Learning at Home ideas offer parents fun ways to extend their child's learning opportunities beyond the classroom to take advantage of teachable moments that naturally emerge from everyday life situations.

Beach in a Bottle – Suitable for Kindergarten, Multi-Age, Preschool, School Age, Toddler, Twos

You will need:

A trip to the beach, lake or creek, and supplies: plastic bottle, super glue, permanent marker, and a label

Directions:

Have your child fill the bottle with sand and water from the beach, along with their favorite sea shells or small pieces of driftwood. Seal the top using super glue (keep the glue out of your child's reach and let the bottle dry before using it with them). Label with the date and location of your outing.



New Parenting Podcast Episode! Peaceful Parenting on Busy Workdays

We've all been there... the get-out-the-door chaos, the after-work frenzy, those toddler-parent moments when things just seem to go kaboom! Is there a better way? Parenting expert and psychologist Jennifer Gillette says unequivocally... yes.

On this episode of the *Work-Life Equation*, Gillette has the tips, tricks, and strategies to tame the tantrums and put what she calls Peaceful Parenting back into your busy day.

[Ep. 17: Peaceful Parenting on Busy Workdays](http://www.brighthouse.com/peacefulparenting)
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