

Bright Horizons at The Smucker Child Development Center News

From Administration

As we enter into the “holiday season,” we wanted to highlight for you how our curriculum affects our practices here at the center.

Following the Bright Horizons philosophy we do not initiate any particular holiday, but using an emergent approach follow the children’s lead and plan around their current interests, ideas, and skills. Through these interests you may see children in the center exploring pumpkins and leaves, learning about family, friendship, and traditions, or exploring ice and snow instead of specifically focusing on a holiday itself. We also find that minimizing the emphasis placed on holidays allows us to remain a calm environment where routines remain constant on a daily basis and the schedule is predictable. This can be a comfort to young children when life is busy outside of the center.

We do know that the holiday season is an exciting time of the year and we welcome you and your child to share with us your family’s traditions and are happy to work with families to make sure everyone’s holidays are culturally significant and meaningful.

We are excited to announce that we met our reading goal during this year’s read for the record. We hope you all got the chance to enjoy some new stories with your children!

As in years past we will have a box located in the lobby during the month of November where you can donate a coat to someone in need. Look for more information in our upcoming weekly buzz.

Hope to see everyone at Fall Festival,
~Dina, Farrah, Liz, and Nicole

Important Dates

2nd- Family Fall Festival 3:30-5:30 pm

4th- Daylight Savings Time

5th-30th- Coat Drive



22nd & 23rd - Center Closed

Reasons to Celebrate

Happy Birthday

Tiffany- 6th

Serena- 13th



Happy Anniversary

Dina- 30th

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M-F 6:30-6:00

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

Infant

To an infant everything is a new experience and every moment they are discovering new things about the world around them. Allowing infants to handle everyday materials allows them to explore things in new ways. A story that has been read to them now holds a whole new experience when they get to explore the book or have props available while the book is read. Objects as simple as cut felt pieces or dramatic play items will heighten their experience and give them a chance to explore their independence.



Toddler

Toddlers are busy beings and hands on learning is a great way for them to explore their environment. Cause and effect items such as instruments, water with cups, and blocks are great ways to engage their growing minds. Room four worked together to mix paint colors. Not only was this a great cause and effect activity, but they were also able to engage multiple senses as they could see the paint color change and feel the cold and fluid feeling of the paint in the bag, all while listening to Ms. Rachel use descriptive words to give them new vocabulary to go with their new experience.



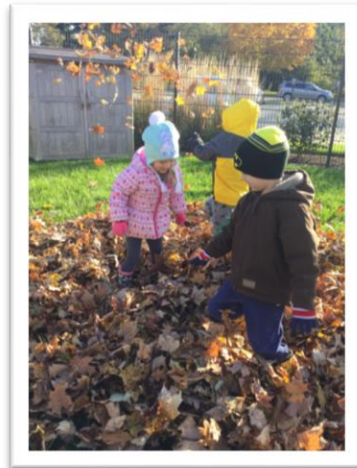
Preschool

As preschool aged children explore their world they will often imitate what they see and experience in their everyday life. Pretend play is a big part of their development and our preschool room is full of dramatic play and manipulative toys that give them the opportunity to explore their world in their own way. Preschoolers are also learning about themselves and their ability to make choices independently or by collaborating with each other in group play.



Kindergarten Prep

In the Kindergarten prep room they continue to prepare for kindergarten by exploring more in-depth topics through project work. This month they have been exploring the fall season and all the wonderful things that make this season so joyful. Everything from apple picking to identifying and comparing different leaves, they even had the opportunity to jumping in the pile of leaves outside.



EDUCATION NEWS

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

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 offers interactive lessons in Spanish, French, Italian, German and Portuguese.

Mamma Lisa's World of Children and International Culture

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



- 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

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.

Our parenting and education experts are here to help you navigate the parenting journey with an "on-the-go" podcast you can listen to when convenient for you.

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