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From the Director

You are invited to a Live Webinar:

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Saving for College

March 6, 2019

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CT

(Parents/Guardians of newborns – 8th graders)

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Important Dates

March 4	No VPK
March 6-8	Scholastic Book Fair CDC Lobby 7:00 am-6:15 pm
March 13	Family Partnership Meeting USAA Café, 12:30 pm
March 18-22	No VPK

Reasons to Celebrate

Jose	March 9 th
Rayan	March 19 th
Lillian	March 19 th
Carter	March 19 th
Domenica	March 21 st



Infant

Infants are adventurous beings who learn about the world-and themselves-through their senses. Exploration of the arts in an infant program ensures that these young children are exposed to rich and diverse experiences that capture their interest, nurture their development and excite all their senses. Jaxon is using his sense of sight and touch as he explores with various colors of finger-paint. He uses his fingers to move the paint around on the paper.



Toddler

A hallmark of the *Growing World of Toddlers* program is providing a language-rich environment that encourages your toddler's progress toward achievement of developmental milestones. Language Works guides the road to literacy, fostering a love of books through stories read aloud, and expanding speaking and understanding through daily conversation. Toddlers learn to develop preferences for familiar books and stories. Benjamin and Daniel are exploring books independently. They turn the pages and point to what they see.



Preschool

Mathematical concepts surround and fascinate children at this age. Whether they are counting how many marbles they have, comparing their shoe size on a bar graph, fitting a cylinder into a circular hole, asking for more milk, or establishing that they are second in line, preschoolers are constantly using and experimenting with mathematical ideas. Aston is learning to identify sets as he counts out small groups of cotton balls and matches each group to a numeral card.



Kindergarten Prep

Enthusiastic, engaged, and curious, children in kindergarten prep are poised for scientific discovery. Science Rocks engages Kindergarten Prep children in complex and meaningful scientific learning. Rather than simply participating in a series of unrelated activities, children explore in depth opportunities that build on prior knowledge and lead to new knowledge and skills. As they learn about dentistry, Alyssia, Nevele, and Chance use magnifying glasses to explore some dental x-rays.

Embarrassing Moments: Opportunities to Learn

There are times when our bright, curious children cause us to cringe by their comments or questions. “Is there a baby in that man’s tummy?” “Why is her skin dark?” “Where are his legs?”

In these moments, we often feel embarrassed and helpless. Our sweet young children, who we raise in an atmosphere of respect, acceptance, and kindness, might innocently offend someone ...and we’re speechless.

Young children are curious and still learning about the world; they don’t mean to be hurtful or malicious. Many adults are inclined to explain and have children apologize, but this can embarrass both the children and the recipient. In this situation, it’s best to validate what a child is observing and turn it into a learning opportunity.

Below are a few examples of common questions and helpful responses.

“That man has no legs!”

- ▶ Calmly and matter-of-factly explain that we all have different bodies and abilities. Then when your child asks, “Why doesn’t he have legs?” You might say, “I’m not sure, perhaps he was born that way.” Then you might ask, “How do you think someone would get around if they didn’t have legs?”

“Why is her skin dark?”

- ▶ This is an opportunity to explain that everyone is unique and to talk about different types and colors of hair skin and eyes. When you get home, you might show your children an array of colored apples and cut them open to see that they’re all the same color inside.

“Is there a baby in that man’s tummy?”

- ▶ A simple, honest response is, “Men can’t have babies in their tummies. Only women can.” A child further inquiring, “then why is he so fat?” opens the door for adults to let children know that people come in all sizes and shapes; we all have different body types.

How adults handle situations in the moment matters, but equally important is turning these moments into learning opportunities. After the event, explain to your child that sometimes things we say can unintentionally hurt people’s feelings.

Use your child’s comment as a springboard to discuss diversity, emotions, and the impact of words. Explain that all questions are welcome, but it’s a good idea to check with the adults before commenting to strangers.

You're invited to Our Open House!

April 9-11 | 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.



Next month, we will be hosting an Open House Week where new families will be able to discover why Bright Horizons is the perfect place for children to learn, explore, and grow!

Each year, Bright Horizons welcomes new families to our community. And, year after year, we've found that the best way to meet these families is through you.

If you have a friend or family member that might be interested in joining, we would be happy to provide information for you to share with them. Please see your Center Director for details. We hope to see everyone at Open House Week!



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Featured Parenting Podcast Episode

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Technology is everywhere. As adults, we rely on it constantly. And for kids, it provides great value, as long as it's used in the "right" way. But what does that mean, exactly?

Debbie Hoppy, curriculum director at Bright Horizons, and Rachel Robertson, VP of education and development, share what really matters: interactive experiences and co-exploration, questions that encourage deeper thinking, and opportunities for integrating technology into the real world.

Ep. 1: The Digital Dilemma

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