



From the Director

Thanks to all of you who took time to complete the Family Satisfaction Survey. I look forward to seeing your comments about what we do that keeps you satisfied, and what areas of improvement we might be able to make!

Another electronic request will be coming your way in the next month to complete the Awards of Excellence nominations. I truly hope you will be able to give a few moments of your time to nominate one or more of the staff for special recognition of a job well done! Your words of recognition are shared with staff members even if they don't receive an award, but when the comments are viewed collectively it may turn in to an award that recognizes their teaching skills and interactions with parents. When the email arrives, it will give you the option of selecting the staff member's name from our center, #1682. We have participated in the awards ceremony for metro Denver and Northern Colorado for the last two years. I can tell you from experience that the teachers are very humbled and appreciative if they receive an award. They are also surprised because no one knows until that very moment of their name being called to come up on the stage!

Dates of Closure for 2020

- Feb. 17 – President's Day
- May 25 – Memorial Day
- July 3 – Federal Observance of Independence Day
- Sept. 7 – Labor Day
- Oct. 12 – Columbus Day
- Nov. 11 – Veteran's Day
- Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving
- Nov. 27 – Thanksgiving
- Dec. 24 – Closes at 2:00 P.M. – Federal Observance of Christmas

Classroom Events

- Thursday, February 6 – Preschool East Parent Party at 3:30
- Friday, February 14 – Toddler 1 Parent Party from 2:30 – 3:30
Please join your child for our friendship party. We will be making a friendship quilt. We are asking parents to sign up for a fruit to bring so we can make a friendship fruit salad and eat it for our party snack.
- Friday, February 14 – Toddler 2 Parent Party from 3:30 – 4:30



Infant 1

Tummy Time

It is best to place an infant on their tummy while being supervised to help develop strong neck and shoulder muscles as well as promote overall motor skills.

We do this by laying them on their tummy with us in front of them or toys to engage with.



Preschool 1

Sensory play is routinely offered to Young Children, with both intent and purpose. It's benefits include the support of language development, cognitive growth, fine and gross motor skills, problem solving skills and social interaction. It also helps to develop and enhance memory and a sense of calming.

Highlights of a few sensory activities offered in Preschool 1 are as follows: Shaving cream with animals, playdough with scissors and craft sticks, a water wheel with scoops in water, snow play, bubble wrap to pop, stickers and markers and textured fabric to glue to paper.

Just a quick reminder to check out the weekly lesson plans posted on the parent board. It provides information about the multiple learning activities offered to your child.

Thank You,

Ms. Kathy



Black History Month: A Celebration of Unity and Peace

In 1976, President Gerald R. Ford asked Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans” with an official holiday each February. The annual tradition has continued ever since.

Today Black History Month is a time to celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans and remember the important role blacks have played in American history. At Bright Horizons, we also see this time as one opportunity to promote peace, unity, and inclusion. We are committed to building classroom cultures where every family feels safe, and valued, and every family has a voice. We know that treating others with kindness, respect, and dignity is the right thing to do, and we believe it’s a way of living that creates a broader, richer, more meaningful life. In our classrooms, we approach diversity and inclusion through:

- ▶ Adult modeling and example.
- ▶ Conversations and teaching via our Empathy Guide, Caring Matters, and Toward a Better World curricula.
- ▶ Meaningful traditions, holidays, and celebrations that offer all families a sense of belonging.
- ▶ Environments that reflect the diverse interests and cultures of our center community.
- ▶ Thoughtful discussion of high-quality picture books.

Diversity and inclusion is a foundational part of our approach, but we can’t do it alone. We need committed parents and families to help us create this culture. There’s always more to learn and we know that one person’s experience is just that – one person’s experience. We value your input and help. Would you like to know more or get involved? We welcome your input as we strive to build a culture of caring here at Bright Horizons.

Black History *Month*

Ask About Our Summer Camp Program!

Join us for a Summer of Fun, Friendships, and Exploration

Through Camp Explorations, our summer camp program at **Bright Horizons®**, your child will have the opportunity to enjoy everything summer has to offer. During action-packed days, your child will experiment with science and technology, engage in the creative arts, discover nature, and explore the world. With experienced teachers, a curriculum based on each child's interests, engaging projects and activities, special visitors, and more, summer will be fun and educational at the same time.

Camp Explorations Highlights

- ▶ Programs for two different age groups:
 - Preschool Adventures (ages 3 – 5)
 - School-Age Adventures (ages 6 –12)
- ▶ Age-appropriate, engaging themes that incorporate children's interests
- ▶ Field trips, special guests, and daily fitness activities
- ▶ Flexible weekly schedules with full- and part-time options
- ▶ Health, safety, and security policies that meet or exceed local, state, and national standards

New Family Webinar!

Parenting into the Next Decade
February 6th at 3:00 p.m. ET

Work and family responsibilities weighing on your mind...and zapping your time? You're not alone. Join us for an interactive session on the latest Bright Horizons Modern Family Index research — and find out what issues matter most to today's working parents.

Register to watch this webinar live, or tune in afterwards to watch on-demand.

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Monday – Friday 6:30 a.m. to 5:30p.m.

