



## BRIGHT HORIZONS AT CHRISTIANA

### From the Jen and Robin

#### Did you know...

- ▶ Bright Horizons at Christiana has a **center website**? Check the For Our Parents section to link you to many of the documents and forms used at the center.
- ▶ Bright Horizons has a number of ways for you to connect through **social media**? Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram, The Family Blog. Check [www.brighthorizons.com](http://www.brighthorizons.com) for more information. Be sure to visit and like the **Bright Horizons at Christiana** Facebook page for center highlights, events, updates and to follow the adventures of Olly Pop!
- ▶ Bright Horizons has a **Family Referral Program**? We are thankful when families share their experience with our program. Through the Family Referral Program, you are eligible to earn unlimited tuition credits. To learn more, visit [www.brighthorizons.com/famiyreferral](http://www.brighthorizons.com/famiyreferral) or see our display on the lobby Parent Information Board.
- ▶ We host monthly **Family Partnership Group** meetings or calls? Our next meeting is scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. We will hold a meeting to provide center updates and look for your feedback and ideas. We will also be hosting a short information session on Communicating with your Child. We hope to see you there!
- ▶ Bright Horizons has developed an online resource for your easy reference to our current guidance on the **COVID-19** virus? Bright Horizons is continuing to monitor the rapidly evolving public health situation. All future updates will be available at [www.brighthorizons.com/covid19](http://www.brighthorizons.com/covid19).

Please see Jen or Robin if you would like any additional information.

### Important Dates

**March 12**

4:30 pm

Family Partnership Group meeting and workshop: Communicating with your Child

**March 25**

April tuition due

**March 26**

Soccer Shots spring session starts (Preschool)

Family Potluck Dinner and Classroom Preview Event is being postponed until later this spring.

### Reasons to Celebrate



Isla T	03/02
Leah A	03/04
Noah A	03/04
Amari F	03/04
Edward Q	03/08
Ashley (teacher rm 11)	03/11
Olivia C	03/12
Nathan C	03/12
Sahana P	03/20
Aryash I	03/23
Eli K	03/24
Yvonne (teacher rm 8)	03/24
Russ (Steven) S	03/28
Gwendolyn S	03/29



## Infant

Infants are adventurous beings who learn about the world—and themselves—through their senses. The infants learned to experiment with sound. They learned it by playing a big drum that makes a sound.



## Toddler

The Bright Horizons Science Rocks curriculum provides a framework for teachers to weave scientific learning into all aspects of a toddler day. Through intentional experiences like rolling cars down a tube, teachers are helping the children become skilled observers, inquisitive investigators, and life-long researchers.



## Twos

The Our World curriculum introduces complex concepts such as emotions and behaviors, encouraging children to reflect on themselves, their peers, and the world they live in. The children learn to identify emotions by name by talking about their feelings, with support from their teachers.



## Preschool and KPrep

Well Aware provides preschoolers with varied opportunities and materials to develop concepts of wellness, as the knowledge and skills to practice healthy lifelong habits. Using the many Well Aware resources, teachers help children to develop their physical abilities, enhance their self-esteem, and nurture healthy habits – all of which contribute to a readiness to learn and confidence to master new challenges. By engaging in physical activities such as stretching, simple obstacle courses or yoga the children learn to strengthen and refine large muscle skills.

## Literacy at Bright Horizons

At **Bright Horizons**<sup>®</sup>, we know that language and literacy are among the foundational skills needed for learning. Through them, children gain knowledge, develop their own thinking, and communicate and share ideas. While some children gain pragmatic literacy skills (like reading fluency) earlier than others, all children, from the earliest years, can enjoy and respond to stories, poetry, songs, conversations, and books.

We want children to leave Bright Horizons centers with a passion and love for stories and books. We also want them to be prepared with strong early literacy skills. What does this look like in a Bright Horizons classroom?

**Rich conversations** – We talk to children throughout the day, engaging in meaningful conversation, sharing our thoughts, and asking questions. Infant and toddler teachers use a “serve and return” approach, talking, laughing, and singing back and forth with children to nurture language development.

**Storytelling experiences** – Teachers read a variety of materials to children, including poetry, fiction, and nonfiction, often repeating favorite stories and encouraging children to act them out. Children use books on their own, as a source of pleasure and knowledge.

**Phonological awareness activities** – We promote phonemic awareness, or the ability to recognize the sounds in words, through rhyming games and activities and through hearing and repeating stories, songs, poems, chants, and finger plays.

**Alphabet activities** – We include alphabet books, puzzles, games, and activities so children have direct experience manipulating and seeing the letters of the alphabet. We choose materials that offer a high level of meaningful engagement.

**Emergent reading and writing experiences** – Teachers create literacy-rich environments and encourage children to use reading and writing in every aspect of their learning.

### Ideas for home:

- ▶ Keep a well-stocked, rotating library of [high-quality children’s books](http://www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources) accessible to your child ([www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources](http://www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources))
- ▶ Make reading a primary activity, taking care not to allow media use
- ▶ Sing nursery rhymes and [play rhyming games](http://www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources/language-development-early-childhood-speech-language-games-for-kids) ([www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources/language-development-early-childhood-speech-language-games-for-kids](http://www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources/language-development-early-childhood-speech-language-games-for-kids))
- ▶ Offer writing materials (pencils, crayons, paper, or envelopes)
- ▶ Demonstrate how to write letters and encourage writing in natural ways, e.g., making a shopping list
- ▶ Check out the [2020 Growing Readers Books of Excellence](http://www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources/what-is-early-literacy) ([www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources/what-is-early-literacy](http://www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources/what-is-early-literacy))
- ▶ Find out more about choosing children’s literature by listening to the Bright Horizons Teach. Play. Love. podcast episode [Ready, Set, Read](http://www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources/ready-set-read) ([www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources/ready-set-read](http://www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources/ready-set-read))

## VP Moms REPLAY

### The Work-Life Equation Featured Podcast Episode

Listen as four of our awesome Bright Horizons vice presidents talk very candidly about being working mothers and having high-powered careers. They reveal what's worked for them, what hasn't, and what they had to let go of to build the careers and the families they wanted.

**Episode 37: VP Moms REPLAY -**  
[brighthorizons.com/WLEpodcastEp37](http://brighthorizons.com/WLEpodcastEp37)

You can listen to The Work-Life Equation episodes on the [Bright Horizons website](http://brighthorizons.com), [Apple](#), [Spotify](#), [Google](#), and [Stitcher](#).



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