

Bright Horizons at Naperville News

From the Director

Earth Day Celebration: Friday, May 4th, we will be planting flowers on our playground. We will have a special craft and snack outside. Please join us from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Dance Recital: Dance Recital is on Saturday, May 12th at Yellow Box Church. Tickets are \$5 a person. Please indicate on your ticket on many people will be attending. The ticket fees will be added to your account and pull out with your tuition. Next week I will be handing out the tickets and recital costumes.

Preschool/Kindergarten Prep Vision and Hearing Screening: The Health Department nurses will be here on May 29th for vision and hearing screening for children three years and older. The screening is required every year by the Health Department and DCFS Licensing standards. If your child has already had a vision and hearing screening, please bring in a copy of the screening and results. The fee is \$4.00 for each screening and will be added to your June tuition.

Kindergarten Prep End of Year Celebration: May 31st, the Kindergarten Prep will be celebrating their end of the school year from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. More details will follow at a later date.

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Important Dates

May 4: Earth Day Celebration 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

May 11: Mother's Day Breakfast to go

May 12: Dance Recital 3:30 p.m. at Yellow Box Church

May 14 – 18: Staff Appreciation Week

May 15: Ramadan Begins

May 28: Memorial Day – Center Closed

May 31: Kindergarten Prep End of Year Celebration 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Reasons to Celebrate

May 4: Happy 1st Anniversary Ms. Abbey

May 4: Happy Birthday Ms. Vivian



May 11: Happy Birthday Ms. Justine



May 17: Happy Birthday Ms. Kim



May 28: Happy 2nd Anniversary Ms. Arfa



May 30: Happy 1st Anniversary Ms. Adele



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

Infant

Music in our infant classroom is both a spontaneous or planned activity. Teachers provide an environment where children explore a variety of musical instruments, sounds and songs. Ms. Mikkell, our music teacher provides extended opportunities for children to listen to the musical instruments and participate in song.



Toddler

During family style dining teacher and children sit together to eat; teachers model the appropriate behaviors and social interactions. The children learn to make meaningful choices. Fine motor and mathematical skills are developed as the children start to practice to serve themselves and learn about spatial relationship as well as learning about more or less. The children are encouraged to try new foods, use utensils and practice patience while engaged in a rich conversation with their teacher and peers. The children also learn to help clean up after the meal developing self-help skills.



Preschool

The preschoolers are using the count and clip cards to enhance their numeral recognition by using clothes pins and placing them on the correct number of the objects in the pictures. They learn to count sequentially and identify numerals. The preschoolers are also learning about more and less when identifying the correct number to objects. They learn it by counting out small groups of cat in the hat characters and matching each group to the correct numeral.



Kindergarten Prep

The Kindergarten Prep class is learning about the world around them and communities. They explored the atlas, globe, and map. The children talked about the United States, China, North Pole, Germany, Belgium, Brazil, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, North Carolina, Florida, and Illinois. They learn to use tools in purposeful ways that support discovery and independently seek information.



READY FOR SCHOOL NEWS

Family Fitness Fun

You've heard the statistics: one in five preschoolers is obese and the childhood obesity rate has tripled in the last 30 years. At Bright Horizons®, we're passionate about children's health and we believe this trend can be reversed. In 2011, Bright Horizons joined the Partnership for a Healthier America (PHA). As part of our PHA commitment, we're updating physical education training materials for teachers to ensure that children get the physical activity they need every day. We're also producing a host of resources for families. Building better health is as simple as becoming more physically active, one step at a time. Below are a few ideas for easy family fitness.

Start a habit.

Children aren't particularly interested in why fitness is so important. They are interested, though, in fun family time. Establishing habits of physical activity in childhood paves the way for healthy adulthood. So, try to plan at least one physical activity on the weekend. Go for a walk, play at the park, or head to a pool. Think about building physical activity into your schedule at least three times during the week. This can be as simple as throwing a ball around before dinner or playing a quick game of hide and seek. It doesn't have to be lengthy or complicated, but you do need to be intentional about it. Write it into your schedule so it becomes a habit.

Get mobile.

One of the simplest ways to get more exercise is by ditching the car. Walk, bike, or rollerblade to school, the store, and the library – anywhere you can. Some areas are more “walk friendly” than others, of course, but try to walk as often as possible.

Work it out.

Family chores are another way to get moving. Raking leaves, weeding a garden, mopping the floor – all these activities get the body moving. Turn on some music and make chores a fun family time. Try to be consistent, as well. When children know that the family will spend an hour every Saturday working together, for example, they're less likely to balk and more likely to see it as a predictable part of their family culture.



TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH

Join us in celebrating our teachers & staff!

The greatest reward a teacher or staff member can receive is knowing that they have made a difference in the lives of children and families. Don't miss the opportunity to celebrate and recognize all of the teachers and staff who make their classrooms a wonderful place for children and families.

Teacher Appreciation Day is May 8th but our teachers, support staff, and leadership team work hard all year long to make your child's experience here the very best it can be. Help us celebrate them all month long!

Your thoughts make a difference – and mean a lot to all of us. Take a moment to share any stories, comments, and well wishes for those who touch your family's life each day.

Visit our Teacher & Staff Appreciation Website to leave a special note of appreciation for your child's teacher or exceptional staff member. The website will be open from May 1st through May 31st.

appreciation.brighthorizons.com

