



BRIGHT HORIZONS AT The Smucker Child Development Center

From Administration

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our family lunch, we hope you all enjoyed yourselves as much as we did!

Each year we ask families to give us important feedback and opinions about the center. This information helps us assess our strengths, and identify areas for improvement. Please take a moment to complete our Parent Satisfaction survey by following the link on page four of this newsletter. This link will also be available in our upcoming weekly buzz.

Did you know the Bright Horizons Family Information Center makes it easy for you to view and print your tax statement? Just go to the Billing and Payments tab on your account's home screen for instructions.

It's getting cold outside! Wrapping your kiddo in the warmest jacket possible seems the obvious way to stay warm, but puffy coats are not the safest option when it comes to car seats and booster seats. Check out the link below for some alternatives for keeping your child both safe and warm in the car.

<https://csftl.org/hello-winter-good-bye-coats/>

Important Dates

1st - New Year's Day- center closed

2nd - Family Survey goes live

5th - Center's 4yr Anniversary

10th - Parent Meeting 12-1

21st - Martin Luther King Jr Day

21st - Bright Horizons Family Webinar

-Raising Children in a Digital World

Reasons to Celebrate

Happy New Year and
Happy Anniversary to
The Smucker Child
Development Center!

We look forward to the start of another year full of adventure with the children and all our center families!



Happy Birthday

Kris- 17th

Angela- 18th

Happy 12yr Anniversary Taylor



Infant

The Infants had an exciting sensory experience by grasping, crinkling, and crawling on a large piece of paper. Not only did they get to engage their senses while manipulating the paper, but they also got to enjoy the activity together as a group, promoting social interaction with peers.



Toddler

Our busy toddlers slowed down to engage in an activity that allowed them to practice the art of body coordination and balance. They enjoyed following one another along the balance beam while developing these important motor skills.



Preschool

Room 6 got to explore and experiment with the much loved water beads. Not only do water beads provide a unique sensory experience, but they also allow for lessons in both science and math. The group was able to watch the water beads grow as water was added and were then provided scoops and other measuring tools to experiment with.



Kindergarten Prep

Many great skills can be learned during parachute play. Skills like social interaction and cooperation, large and fine motor skills, and experimentation with force and gravity. Most of all though is the fun and excitement of running under the parachute to the other side before your friends lower it back down to the ground.

Giving Gifts from the Heart

Have you considered that generosity is a learned behavior that delights the givers as well as the receivers? By making gifts and cards for others, children experience the intrinsic joy of giving something they have created.

It's easy for adults to decide what to make and which materials to use. But remember, this is an offering from children. Within the realm of available resources, help them develop their ideas. Inspire their thoughts about the recipient. "What do you think you'd like to make for Aunt Alice?" "What does she like to do?" Remember, it's what children create that counts; suggest they draw pictures and dictate their sentiments.

In addition to family and friends, think about people beyond those we typically hold near and dear to us. Cards, artwork, and crafts made by children are a heartfelt way to say you care and show appreciation to military personnel, firefighters, police officers, librarians, residents in nursing homes, and others in the community.

Children are very resourceful and might have their own ideas for gifts. Below are a few simple gift suggestions to consider:

Picture frames

Children glue four wooden tongue depressors together to make a frame and then decorate the frame with paint, and add recycled materials such as odd puzzle pieces, small pieces of paper or fabric, and twigs. Be aware of choking hazards with young children.

Decorative boxes

Children paint recycled or purchased wooden/cardboard boxes and then decoupage photographs from magazines or photos of themselves onto the surfaces.

Sculptures

Children can create sculptures using commercial or home-made clays, wood, or recycled objects. Be sure to have lots of glue on hand.

Paper holders

These might be as simple as finding a unique rock, painting it, and using glue to attach a clothespin. A second option is to glue wood scraps together, paint the sculpture and add one or two clothespins to the top.

Planters

Children paint pots and use Mod Podge (purchased at a craft shop) to attach colorful tissue paper (cut into small squares). Another option is to use photographs and pictures from magazines.

Jewelry

Children make necklaces or bracelets by stringing commercial or homemade beads. They can create pins by gluing found objects (such as loose puzzle pieces or Legos) to a pin back and painting over the creation.

2019 Parent Satisfaction Survey

We value your feedback!

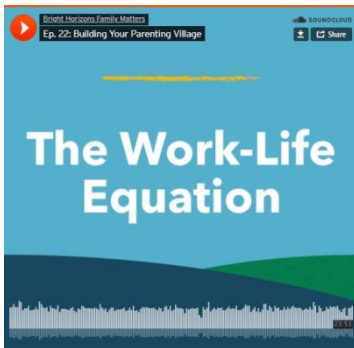
Each year, we ask families to give us important feedback and opinions about our center. This information helps us assess our strengths, and identify areas for improvement. We are truly committed to providing the highest quality education for your child and we believe that every opinion counts.

The survey is available from January 2 - 3. Please take a few moments to share your thoughts!

brighthorizons.com/parentsurvey

Featured Parenting Podcast Episode

Building Your Parenting Village



Overwhelmed by working parenthood? Stop trying to do it all alone. “People say I need help, but I don’t know where to get it,” says our guest Daisy Dowling. Get Daisy’s tips on who to ask for help, how to rally your village of volunteers, and why her secret isn’t doing more — but getting more done.

Ep. 22: Building Your Parenting Village

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