

Bright Horizons at The Harbor Center Buzzz

From the Desk of the Director

Greetings and Welcome to June!

It is hard to believe that that we are six months into the year. It has been a busy first and second quarter. I am excited to say that we are done with audits and licensing! We had all of the major visitors come and go, from the Superintendent of Education to the Vice President of Education at Bright Horizons; all were great accomplishments and we were happy to have them visit our center. We are now ready to just enjoy each other, embrace the upcoming summer months, and continue to challenge ourselves with an extraordinary program.

Elizabeth has planned a great summer for the entire center! Please make sure to take the time to review the monthly calendars, Monday Memos, and marketing flyers to see what is trending at the Harbor.

At this time, if your child is transitioning you should have received your transition paperwork. Please take the time to review and plan to attend the intake meeting for your child. Intake meetings are very important and valuable for setting your little one up for success.

Samantha is managing all intake meetings, so please make sure to connect with her regarding your attendance. We look forward to a successful transition! Please feel comfortable connecting with anyone on the team about your child's upcoming transition if you have any questions.

Last but not least, Teacher Appreciation week was another huge success! The team had so much fun and truly appreciate all that you have done to show your support and appreciation.

Have a great day,

Jacqueline Radcliffe

Important Dates

June 6th: Infants Mommy and Me Yoga with Ms. Siobhan at 11:00 am

June 7th: K-Prep Field Trip to the Zoo

June 8th: Amazing Athletes Toddler Classroom Demo at 2:30 pm

June 12th: Jump Bunch Visit

June 13th: Jamba Juice Visit

June 14th: Field Day with Coach Robert at Stanton Park

June 15th: Home Depot Visit

June 19th: Cultivate the City

June 20th: PPG Meeting at noon in 8001

June 22nd: K-Prep Sailing Away Ceremony at 10:30 am

Reasons to Celebrate



Otto

Wesley

Elodie

Alden

David

Ms. Winchelle

Ms. Loraine

Audrey

Taylor

Dylan

READY FOR SCHOOL NEWS

Homegrown Readers

It's never too early to start "growing readers"! Research has shown that children who have a close adult who reads to and with them -- especially in the very early years -- learn language and literacy skills, develop an appreciation of books, and experience stronger family relationships.

Reading with your child can be one of the most rewarding and memorable ways to spend time together. In addition to having lasting effects on cognitive, language, and literacy development, sharing books inspires your child's curiosity and creativity. Cuddling up with a book is an intimate activity that builds strong, loving, lifelong bonds.

A few tips for reading with your child:

- Designate a regular time and place to curl up together with a book. Invite your child to select books but also introduce new stories.
- Before you begin a new book, talk about the title, the cover, the author, and the illustrator. Ask thought-provoking questions about the book. "What do you think this story is about?"
- Understand that young children love to hear the same stories over and over again. Repetition provides a level of comfort and enables children to become the experts on the storyline. Also, it allows them to get familiar with the words, and eventually "read" the book to you.
- Make reading interactive; ask questions such as, "What do you think happens next in the story?" Or "How would you handle this situation?" It's interesting to hear your child's impression of the story.
- Expand your child's horizons. When your child develops a new interest, go to the library and find books on that subject.
- Have fun and be playful! When you read aloud, try to make your voice exciting and dramatic for the different parts of the story.

There is so much multicultural, informative, historical, traditional, silly, experiential, and even futuristic literature for young children these days. Refer to "Bright Horizons Growing Readers" to access family resources, books suggestions, at-home reading activities, and tips on reading aloud.

www.brighthorizons.com/childrenbooks



Education & Development

BRIGHT HORIZONS NEWS

Learning at Home: Summer Activity

Our Learning at Home ideas offer parents fun ways to extend their child's learning opportunities beyond the classroom to take advantage of teachable moments that naturally emerge from everyday life situations.

Beach in a Bottle – Suitable for Kindergarten, Multi-Age, Preschool, School Age, Toddler, Twos

You will need:

A trip to the beach, lake or creek, and supplies: plastic bottle, super glue, permanent marker, and a label

Directions:

Have your child fill the bottle with sand and water from the beach, along with their favorite sea shells or small pieces of driftwood. Seal the top using super glue (keep the glue out of your child's reach and let the bottle dry before using it with them). Label with the date and location of your outing.



New Parenting Podcast Episode! Peaceful Parenting on Busy Workdays

We've all been there... the get-out-the-door chaos, the after-work frenzy, those toddler-parent moments when things just seem to go kaboom! Is there a better way? Parenting expert and psychologist Jennifer Gillette says unequivocally... yes.

On this episode of the *Work-Life Equation*, Gillette has the tips, tricks, and strategies to tame the tantrums and put what she calls Peaceful Parenting back into your busy day.

[Ep. 17: Peaceful Parenting on Busy Workdays](http://www.brighthouse.com/peacefulparenting)
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