

BRIGHT HORIZONS AT Triangle Tots

From the Director

We are six months into the year - I can't believe it! We will be celebrating the first day of summer in just nineteen days. In just twenty three days the kindergarten children will attend their Virtual Graduation Celebration. For our newer families...The graduation celebration is an annual celebration that takes place every June where we celebrate the children who will be graduating from our kindergarten program. This year the celebration will look and feel different, nevertheless we plan to make June 24th just as special for our kindergarten friends who will be saying farewell! This year's graduating class are very near and dear to my heart as a few of these children have been with us since they were infants. I have had the opportunity to watch them grow into wonderful and beautiful individuals. From the time I arrived three years ago to now they are headed to First Grade, I am sad to see our friends leave at the end of the summer, however I know that we have given them a foundation to help them leave our school to move forward in their future educational journey. I am so very proud of these children and know that they will embrace the new journey full of pride and confidence. I am not only saddened to see the children leave but the parents have been extraordinary to partner with. They have set the bar high of what parent partnerships should look and feel like. I am so grateful for the Kindergarten parents - thank you from all of us at Triangle Tots!

There are a lot of moving pieces in our day-to-day operations and especially with our enhanced protocols. Our Weekly memos are our way to continue to keep the families abreast of center happenings and revised or new protocols. I ask that you take time to read the Weekly Memos as they are important.

Wishing all the dads, granddads, uncles, etc. a wonderful Father's Day!

Important Dates

June 4: Last day to submit AOE nominations
June 8: World Oceans Day
June 15: Nature Photography Day
June 18: National Picnic Day
June 20: Father Day
June 21: International Yoga Day
June 24: Kindergarten Virtual Graduation
June 25: July Tuition Due
June 29: International Mud Day

Reasons to Celebrate Reasons to Celebrate

Happy Birthday

Dana Hill

Lakea Chandler

Kimberly Deibert

Happy Anniversary

Tracey Flythe – Six Years

Dana Hill – 14 Years

Health & Safety at Bright Horizons

Our enhanced COVID-19 protocols ensure health and safety practices in every center align with the CDC and state and local municipalities. Learn more about what we are doing to keep children, families, and staff safe.

brighthorizons.com/health-safety

Discoveries Project Challenges

Discoveries brings the famous Smithsonian® right into our Bright Horizons® classrooms! This exciting collaboration will give children a window into history, their world, and the greater universe around them — all without leaving our center.

All Discoveries — Collections, Music and Sound, Buildings and Construction, and Self-Identity — are set up as project challenges that use artifacts and resources from the renowned Smithsonian® collection as conversation starters.

Each project challenge is an interactive, hands-on way for children to explore new ideas, develop an understanding of the world around them, and make way for personal innovation.

Be on the lookout to see Discoveries in action in your child's classroom!



New Podcast Episode: The Year of Learning Loss

How has the pandemic affected children's learning? Are they behind? What can we do about learning loss? For over a year, child care and school have felt anything but normal — and if you're a parent concerned about learning loss, you're not alone. But according to early education experts (and parents!) Rachel Robertson and Claire Goss, we need to think about it differently.

On this episode of Teach. Play. Love. hear about some of the gains children have made throughout the pandemic, and find out how to approach educational opportunities this summer.

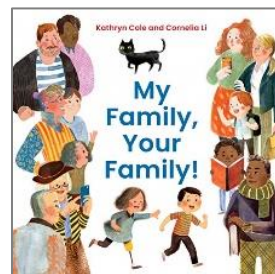
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Tips for Encouraging Positive Risk Taking

“For healthy development, children need to take positive risks. Positive risks (different from dangerous or hazardous risks) allow children to step out of their comfort zone, try new things, increase confidence, make mistakes, and learn from those mistakes. Growth and learning doesn't come without some risk.” - Rachel Robertson - VP, Education and Development

1. **Consider your child.** When it comes to physical development, consider your child's level of mastery. What might be completely appropriate for one child might not be for another.
2. **Start small.** Breaking activities down by skill can bridge the gap between too little and too much freedom. For example, before you allow your children to climb a tall tree, they can practice climbing on a playground structure.
3. **Protect play.** Allow time each day for free, open-ended play where children can build critical-thinking and problem-solving skills on their own.

NEW Growing Readers Book Club



Every month, become Mr. Nate's co-researchers as you and your child are introduced to high-quality children's books along with ideas to explore, create, and investigate further!

June's Book of Excellence, *My Family, Your Family* by Kathryn Cole, explores all different types of families.

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Update to the My Bright Day App

A new update to the My Bright Day app will allow parents to receive biweekly, age-based notifications from the Bright Horizons® Education and Development Department.

These notifications, called “My Bright Journey Insights”, will contain short messages to help you learn insights about your child's developmental stage. Watch your My Bright Day notifications to learn more.