

# The Clubhouse @ Bright Horizons

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## Summer Camp 2013

Registration for Summer Camp 2013 has begun! This summer's theme is "It's a Great Big World Out There" and it's going to be so much fun! Registration has also begun for our specialty camps: STAT camp designed for middle school students and our CIT program for 15-17 year olds.

Don't forget...if your child is out during the months of June, July or August, you must fill out the Summer Camp registration form to reserve your weeks of camp.

## Math is Fun Day

On May 23, 2013, our Preschool program will host a day filled with Math Fun! Our *Math Counts* curriculum component focuses on building mathematical reasoning skills so children learn to solve problems and use math in real, meaningful ways. More information will soon come out regarding our Math is Fun Day!

## Parent Referral Bonus Program

Refer a family through May 31 and receive the following:

- \$500 tuition credit for each full time child referred
- \$300 tuition credit for each part time child referred
- \$45 tuition credit for each school age child referred
- Enrolling family receives ½ off registration

Click here for more information:  
[Family Referral Program](#)



## Employee Appreciation Month

May is Employee Appreciation Month! We invite you to encourage your teachers and counselors during this month in your own way. Our employees work hard each day to create an environment where children learn, grow and have a great time! Join us as we appreciate their wonderful talents and abilities!

## Kindergarten Celebration

We invite your family and friends to join us on

Friday, May 31, 2013

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

As we celebrate our 22 graduates and their success this year!



## Important Dates to Remember

May	Employee Appreciation Month
May 5	Cinco de Mayo
May 10	Early Release Day, Year-Round
May 12	Mother's Day
May 13	Track 2 tracks out
May 23	Math is Fun Day
May 27	The Clubhouse is Closed
May 31	Kindergarten Celebration

# Center Highlights



## Kindergarten Prep Science Fair

Our Kindergarten Prep class held their annual Science Fair where children and parents were able to participate in multiple activities representing several areas of study in science.



Griffin and his family explore our Anatomy experiment with a heart pumping blood simulation.



Max and Helina working with a Chemistry experiment using baking soda and colored vinegar.



Jay and Aidan were able to dig for giant earthworms in our Entomology display.



# What is School Readiness?



## **READY for SCHOOL Parent News: What does School Readiness Really Mean?**

A report that grew out of a partnership of 17 states identified five factors most important in children who are ready for school or what the report calls “Ready Children”. These factors included:

- **Overall physical well-being and motor development:** Children possessing age-appropriate fine motor skills which involve coordinating their eyes and hands to complete tasks such as stacking blocks; putting together puzzles; connecting building toys like Legos®; drawing and using a paint brush; or writing, typically experience success in school.
- **Social and emotional development:** Children who interact positively with other children typically also do well in a school setting. Many of the skills children learn from their families and in child care such as taking turns, sharing, listening to others, developing empathy, and functioning as part of a group, help with school success.
- **Approaches to Learning:** The ability to follow through on one-step directions (“Hang up your coat”) or multi-step directions (“Get some crayons, take them to the writing table and have a seat”) is another school readiness indicator. Cooperativeness, persistence, independence, curiosity and creativity are also important.
- **Cognition and General Knowledge:** Developing an observant, inquisitive mind which looks at, labels, asks questions, notes similarities and differences, and solves problems is another important school skill.
- **Language Development and Literacy:** The development of a significant talking (expressive) and understanding (receptive) vocabulary is important as well as later recognizing the relationships between letters and sounds.

Not surprisingly, only one of these factors, recognizing the connection between letters and their sounds, is what we typically think of as a school readiness skill. Instead, a well-rounded child who interacts well with others, follows directions, effectively uses her hands to manipulate small parts, and has an inquisitive mind, possesses key readiness skills.

Also not surprisingly, the report states that families can play a critical role in preparing their children for school success is by reading to them daily, starting when children are infants and toddlers. Enrollment in high quality child care programs is another factor in school success.

For more information, you won’t want to miss the May 7th webinar, **Mind in the Making: The Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs** with Ellen Galinsky. This session will provide even further insight into the key school and life readiness skills that may be less familiar to parents. To register, **please visit** [www.brighthorizons.com/mindinthemaking](http://www.brighthorizons.com/mindinthemaking).

Families and teachers working together can help ensure that all our children are *READY for SCHOOL*.

Reference: *Findings from the National School Readiness Indicators Initiative – A 17 State Partnership.*

(February 2005). Sponsored by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, the Kauffman Foundation and the Ford Foundation. Prepared by Rhode Island KIDS COUNT.

# Parent Webinar Series



## JOIN US for our next Parent Webinar!

Bright Horizons, in conjunction with Families and Work Institute invites you to join Ellen Galinsky for our next parent webinar about the skills adults and children need in order to succeed in the 21st century.

**Mind in the Making: Executive Function and the Seven Essential Life Skills  
Every Child Needs  
Tuesday, May 7, 2013  
8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. EST**

For over a decade, Ms. Galinsky has worked with top researchers from across the country, filming their experiments and studying their results how we learn best. In her recently released highly acclaimed bestselling book, *Mind in the Making* (Harper Collins 2010), she identifies seven life skills that are essential to success—in school, the workforce and in life.

During the webinar, Ellen will outline the meaning and importance of Executive Function of the brain and why they underlie Life Skills, describe the seven essential Life Skills, as well as provide parents with easy everyday things they can do to foster these Life Skills in their children and themselves. Attendees will see videos of researchers “in action” sharing studies on the topic, and gain the ability to apply what is presented not only to parenting techniques but adult learning as well. In addition, 5 lucky webinar attendees will receive a free copy of *Mind in the Making*.

To register for this webinar, please visit [www.brighthorizons.com/mindinthemaking](http://www.brighthorizons.com/mindinthemaking).

**Presenter Bio: Ellen Galinsky, President and Co-Founder of Families and Work Institute (FWI)**

Ellen Galinsky helped establish the field of work and family life while at Bank Street College of Education, where she was on the faculty for twenty-five years. Her more than forty-five books and reports include the highly acclaimed *Mind in the Making: The Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs*, *Ask The Children* and the now classic *The Six Stages of Parenthood*. She has published over 125 articles in academic journals, books and magazines. At the Families and Work Institute, she oversees the largest nationally representative studies of the U.S. workforce and workplace.

Ms. Galinsky holds a Master of Science degree in Child Development/Education from Bank Street College of Education, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Child Study from Vassar College and numerous honorary doctoral degrees. She is a past President of the National Association of the Education of Young Children. Ellen Galinsky is married to artist Norman Galinsky and they are the parents of two grown children: Philip and Lara.

### Connect with Bright Horizons



**Did you know...?** Bright Horizons has a new website! Visit our new [Family Resources](#) page to access resources for growing families including: parent webinar archives, eFamily news articles, learning at home activities and more!

**Check out our Facebook page for your chance to ‘Discover Family Resources and Win’ an iPad mini! (Contest ends 5/3)**