

# Discovery Preschool – Coral Springs

May 2015



## From the Director

Dear Families,

The month of May is filled with celebrations...

We are celebrating our wonderful teachers and their hard work, we are also celebrating all the Moms and the Kindergarten Prep graduates.

I cannot believe it is almost summer time!

This has been a wonderful school year. We have witnessed so much growth and learning!

But don't forget that we are still here during the summer; there is still time to enroll for our fun-filled Summer Camp, please see the front office for more information.

With warm regards,

Eloisa

## Important Dates

**May 2015:** Teacher and Staff Appreciation Month  
(see page 4 for more information)

**Teacher Appreciation Week** - May 4<sup>th</sup> - May 8<sup>th</sup>

**Muffins with Moms** - Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 am – 9:30 am in the Gym

**School Closed** – Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

**Book Fair** – May 26<sup>th</sup> – May 29<sup>th</sup>

**Graduations:**

**Discovery 13** (am – pm) - Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am

**Discovery 2** - Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am

**Discovery 1** - Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am

## Reasons to Celebrate

**All the 2015 Kindergarten Prep Graduates!**



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# Classroom Highlights



## Toddlers

*Math Counts* - Using peg boards is not only a good counting and spatial awareness exercise, but also great for building the children's vocabulary of colors. The children are learning to identify the similar items from a variety of objects and are starting to form simple counting skills by playing with sorting toys such as peg boards.



## Two

*ArtSmart* - The children in Discovery 10 participated in a group activity making a shape collage. This was a great activity for the children to review their shapes and colors. This was also a great opportunity to socialize with each other as well as create something together. The children labeled each shape as they placed it on the contact paper. While the children were involved in this open-ended activity they were engaged in working together. They learned how to respect their friend's space as well as work together to create a piece of art.

## Preschool

*Science Rocks* - The class started the volcano project by constructing their own volcano. Then they predicted what would happen if they mixed vinegar and baking soda together. They went to the science lab and placed baking soda and food coloring in the top of our volcano. Each child had an opportunity to add the vinegar to the baking soda. This activity allowed the children develop hypotheses and conclusion on what will happen when we combine different substances. The children also learned that sciences projects can be lots of fun and they took pride in their experiment from start to finish!



## Kindergarten Prep

*Movement Matters* - When children participate in music and movement, they have the given the opportunity to move freely and use their bodies to express how they feel. Miss Andy has helped the children to express creativity in movement and increase auditory discrimination (the ability to hear the differences in sounds) as they practice the songs for graduation.



## READY for SCHOOL Parent News: Partnering with Teachers in Potty Training

Your child seems old enough to begin potty training, but you wonder how potty training works in child care. Relax. Like every other aspect of child care, you and your child's teacher will work as partners in the process of potty training. Potty training while in child care is usually very successful. At school, your child sees other children visiting the bathroom, which can create a powerful incentive and example. Teachers are usually very experienced in potty training and can offer you a lot of support. Soon, your days of changing diapers will be over and your child will seem oh, so grown up.

Below are a few more tips for potty training at child care:

- **Get on the same page.** Talk with your child's teachers about the approach they use. They can help you watch for signs of readiness. These signs may include staying dry for lengths of time, expressing an interest in using the toilet, and being able to pull clothes up and down. You and your child's teachers will work together to develop a plan for potty training. Mutually agree on how you'll handle potty training and make sure that you consistently follow the plan during the evenings and weekends.
- **Come prepared.** Accidents are bound to happen during the first few weeks of potty training. Be sure to send your child with plenty of clean clothes. Skip the onesies, blue jeans, or overalls, and opt for soft, loose pants with an elastic waistband. These clothes help your child be more independent, and they also simplify the inevitable changes. Send your child in shoes that come off easily and don't forget extra socks.
- **Expect setbacks.** Potty training is a major developmental milestone and it's very common for children to make progress and then regress. Try not to get discouraged or express frustration to your child. Make sure that your child is really ready before you start potty training. The age of readiness varies from child to child, but most children are ready to potty train between 20 and 30 months. Take it slow and use a relaxed, positive approach. Talk with your child's teacher if you have questions or just need some extra support.

As you go through the potty training process, try to keep perspective. Some children are very motivated and learn to use the toilet quickly. Others need more time before they completely master this developmental task. Remember that both you and your child are doing the best you can. Before long, your child will be diaper-free and ready for the next adventure.

# Bright Horizons News



## May is Teacher and Staff Appreciation Month!

The greatest reward a teacher or staff member receives is knowing that they have made a difference in the lives of children and families. Each year **Bright Horizons®** dedicates the month of May as a time to celebrate and recognize all of the teachers and staff who make this such a wonderful place for children and families.



As part of this month long celebration, we invite you to visit our [Teacher & Staff Appreciation Website](#). Here, you can leave a special note of appreciation for your child's teacher or exceptional staff member. The website will be open from May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>.

If you're looking for another way to celebrate a teacher or staff member, you may consider making a contribution to the [Bright Horizons Foundation for Children®](#) in their name.

*Thank you for helping us recognize the important work of our teachers and staff—they make Bright Horizons a great place!*

## May installment of the Family Matters Webinar Series!



**Growing Givers: Raising Socially Responsible Children**  
May 2015 - Date and time TBD

Raising children to be socially aware, community oriented, charitable minded and educated about their world is more vital than ever in today's global society.

The next webinar in the **Bright Horizons®** Family Matters Webinar Series will provide insight on how social responsibility and empathy develops as your child grows, the intersection of family, school, and community in raising children, as well as meaningful activities families can do together to make a difference in their communities and in the world.

Want to join us in May? [Sign up](#) to be notified when registration opens!