

# Bright Horizons at UM Canterbury News

## From the Director

Dear Families,

The new school year has gotten off to wonderful start. The children and new families are adjusting well and getting to know their teachers.

This month we have great activities that will require some of your participation:

**Grandparents Play Day!** We are inviting all grandmas and grandpa's to come and spend time with their grandchild painting, planting and reading. We will focus in the Art Smart, Science Rocks and Language Works areas.

**Hispanic Heritage Month!** The children will have the opportunity to learn about different Hispanic countries and cultures by traveling around the world with their passports and experiencing different types of music, food and activities.

We also have our first **Parent Partnership Group Meeting**. Please join us and be a part of our Canterbury community. The meeting will be in the library. See calendar for all our events.

Mariella Maldonado

*"And remember, also...that many places you would like to see are just off the map and many things you want to know are just out of sight or a little beyond your reach. But someday you'll reach them all, for what you learn today, for no reason at all, will help you discover all the wonderful secrets of tomorrow."*

## Important Dates

<b>September 5</b>	Labor Day / Center Closed
<b>September 7</b>	Parent Partnership Group Meeting at 4:45 pm
<b>September 9</b>	Grandparent's Play Day at 10:00 am
<b>September 15</b>	Hispanic Heritage Month Begins
<b>September 29- 30</b>	Picture Days

Check out our **Scholastic Book Fair** next month  
Oct. 10-14

## Reasons to Celebrate Happy Birthday!

Finley B.	9/10
Morgan P.	9/16
Alice K.	9/22
Vittoria D.	9/23
Ms. Lawanda	9/26



## Bright Horizons at UM Canterbury Preschool

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Monday - Friday / 7:00AM – 6:00PM



# CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

## Infant

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In August the infants enjoy manipulating different objects in the Surprise Basket. As they explore the different objects, textures, shapes and colors they stimulate their sense of touch.



## Toddler

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The toddlers spend a lot of time in the role play area where they are encouraged to practice house hold tasks. While interacting with their friends the children develop their imagination, social-emotional and language skills.



## Two's

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The new school year found the Preschool 2C class exploring the outdoors. While on the playground, the children used magnifying glasses to look for bugs, butterflies and caterpillars. As they found different bugs the children used their language skills to name them.



## Preschool

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While learning about color mixtures, the children experimented with color identification and color mixing in the Science Rocks center. They made predictions of what would happen when two colors were combined. After mixing the colors the children were able to see if their predictions were correct.



## Kindergarten Prep

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The children in the Kindergarten Prep class are continuing to learn how to communicate through increasingly detailed writing. In the Language Works area they have begun to write simple sentences describing their thoughts.



# READY FOR SCHOOL NEWS

## Communicating with Teachers

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Late summer and fall is often a time of transition for families as children begin new schools, change classrooms, or simply embark on new learning experiences within the same classroom. This is a time for parents and teachers alike to take inventory, set goals, and begin anew.

Don't forget parent-teacher communication in your back-to-school plans. Developing strong relationships and effective communication strategies with teachers is one of the most important things you can do to ensure a positive learning experience for your child. In this parent newsletter, we offer tips for successful communication with your child's teacher:

- **Build relationships.** Sooner or later, you may have a question or concern. Bringing up a concern is so much easier if you already have a strong relationship with your child's teacher. Touch base with your child's teacher each day, even if it's just saying hello, thank you, or goodbye in the evening. Express appreciation for the teacher's efforts. Share helpful information about your family and occasionally ask the teacher about herself, e.g., "How was your weekend?"
- **Establish preferred methods of communication.** Be sure to read all center correspondence, newsletters, and daily reports so you're in the loop. Remember that a teacher's primary focus is the well-being of the children. Morning arrivals and afternoon departures are often busy. Keep communication during these times brief; set a time outside of drop-off and pick-up to talk further. Understand that teachers can't always respond immediately when they're with children.
- **Offer to help.** Teachers know how busy parents are and don't expect hours of volunteer time. They do appreciate small gestures, though, based on your availability, strengths, and interests. Offer to read a story to the children occasionally or donate a few recycled art supplies. Ask your child's teacher for ideas.
- **Discuss concerns directly with the teacher.** Build respect and trust by addressing any concerns confidentially with the teacher. Use tact and consider the teacher's perspective. Take a collaborative approach and work together to find solutions. Be sure to develop an action plan and follow up. Seek a director's guidance if you need additional help.
- **Remember that teachers are human.** Teachers work hard to create peaceful, engaging environments for children, but the early childhood classroom can be unpredictable and challenging. If your child's normally cheerful teacher seems busier than usual or unable to talk, chock it up to an especially "adventurous" day of teaching.

Your child's teacher can be one of your most powerful allies, supporting you and your child through challenges and cheering for your successes. The time you spend cultivating that relationship will benefit both you and your child.

# BRIGHT HORIZONS NEWS

## Curriculum Night

### Curriculum Night 2016

Join us for our Curriculum Night event, where families from all age groups will have the opportunity to experience a *day in the life* of their child and learn about the upcoming year with **Bright Horizons®**.

During the event you and your family will have the opportunity to:

- **Meet** your child's teachers
- **Explore** the Bright Horizons partnership
- **Learn** about ***The World at Their Fingertips®*** curriculum for your child's age group
- **Discover** how our emergent curriculum approach will use your child's own interests to inspire those next big steps

Share in your Bright Horizons experience and invite your friends and family to join you at Curriculum Night. Please see our Center Director or your child's teacher if you have questions or would like more information about Curriculum Night. We will see you there!



### Celebrating 30 Years of Learning!

Bright Horizons is proud to celebrate 30 years as the early educator and partner of choice for families and employers around the world. We look forward to supporting the next generation of parents and children, and continue to cheer the big steps made by the early learners at all of our centers. Because the most exciting milestones are the ones we get to celebrate with parents and children every day.

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