

Bright Horizons at Northbrook News

From the Director

Annual Re-Registration

By now, all of you have should have received your annual Re-Registration packets. If you did not receive one, it is more than likely because your family joined our center within the last 3 months.

Re-Registration serves a couple of purposes for us each year. By being proactive in the spring with registrations, we are able to determine our summer and fall enrollment, plan our staffing for all classrooms based on enrollment, share Summer Camp information, and allow families to update important contact information and ensure key information is current and accurate.

Please return your packet to the office by March 31, 2018. Upon returning your packet, please take a few minutes to update you emergency contact information. There will be a binder at the front desk that will make the process very quick for each of you – just see a member of our Leadership team!

If you should have any questions about the RE-Registration process feel free to stop by the office or send us an email.

Thank you for choosing Bright Horizons!

Important Dates

Dr Seuss Day – Friday March 2, 2018

Join us in celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday! Everything Dr. Seuss Today – even Green Eggs and Ham for Breakfast! Thank you Chef Dan!

Parent Partnership Meeting

Wednesday March 14 at 4:30pm

Summer Sneak Peek

Week of March 19-23

Reasons to Celebrate

Dr. Seuss Day!

Friday March 2

Everything Dr. Seuss today - including Green Eggs & Ham for Breakfast!

Happy Anniversary!

Ms Carrie – 2 years on March 1

Mr. Lucas - 1 Year on March 23

Happy Birthday Ms Lisa

March 15

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Monday-Friday & 6:30am-6pm



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

Infant

The infant classrooms have been embracing our Science Rocks curriculum! Science to infants is not found in elaborate experiments but rather in the real-world and everyday moments as they move through their environment, manipulate objects, and explore with all their senses. Infants have explored the textures of snow, experienced new teeth coming in, and the touch of toys in their environment. They are beginning to gain and enhance their sense of inquiry and curiosity! Happy Spring!



Toddler

In the month of February, toddlers joined in the Valentine celebrations. There saw many hearts and even found items throughout room that matched the different colored hearts. Valentine's always brings about talks of sharing and caring for others. Toddlers practiced sharing toys, taking turns washing hands, and many other social skills that will help them as they grow.



Preschool

Throughout the month of February, Preschool 1 focused on kindness and friendship! We discussed what traits and actions make a good friend, spent time helping our friends in the toddler room with drawing and building, celebrated Valentine's Day by exchanging cards and goodies with friends, and read stories that emphasized friendship and inclusion. We will be capping off the month by charting Acts of Kindness that we see in the classroom!



Young Preschool

In Young Preschool, We learned to Investigate the world through our senses. We learned it by using our senses while exploring in the sensory table with all RED objects. The children were able to distinguish the color RED and search around the room for different items that are RED.



READY FOR SCHOOL NEWS

Everyone Wins at Family Game Night!

Have you considered gathering on a regularly designated evening to play games? Interactive family activities foster growth in all domains of development, but more importantly, having fun as a family promotes bonding and intimacy, builds trust, instills a sense of security, teaches children about winning and losing, and creates lifelong memories.

Tips for family game nights:

- Schedule a regular day and time. Reserve it as you would any important activity.
- Plan games that are appropriate for varied age groups. Include children in the decision making.
- Eliminate distractions. Turn off cell phones and other devices.
- Focus on fun!

The benefits:

Playing board games helps children learn to take turns, follow rules, and think strategically. Many board games strengthen focus and literacy and math skills. Moving pieces along a board, holding cards, rolling dice, or spinning a spinner builds small muscle development and hand-eye coordination.

Choosing Games

Selecting games can be an enjoyable process. Game suggestions to check out are *Apples to Apples Junior*; *Don't Wake Daddy*; *Alphabet*, Number or Color Bingo; Dr. Seuss' *the Cat in the Hat*; *I Can Do That!*; and *Guess Who*. Games such as BANANA GRAMS offer challenge for many ages. For young children, look for games that are colorful, engaging, and take less than 20 minutes to play. Those that focus on cooperation, rather than competition, are also a good choice.

Make a homemade "memory" game by copying family photos on cardstock and laminating the cards. Turn chores into a game, e.g., let your young child match socks or toss the socks into a laundry basket. Get the whole family moving with action games. Try Charades, *Twister*, Hide and Seek, *Sardines*, Freeze Tag, Red Light, Green Light, or Mother May I.

Game night is about families being together. It doesn't have to cost money, but the gains are tremendous because ultimately, everyone wins!

BRIGHT HORIZONS NEWS

We are hosting an Open House in April!



Next month, we will be hosting an Open House Week where new families will be able to discover why Bright Horizons is the perfect place for children to learn, explore, and grow!

Each year, Bright Horizons welcomes new families to our community. And, year after year, we've found that the best way to meet these families is through you.

If you have a friend or family member that might be interested in joining, we would be happy to provide information for you to share with them. Please see your Center Director for details. We hope to see everyone at Open House Week!

Join us for a summer of fun, friendships, and exploration!

Summer is less than 6 months away! Our summer camp program, *Camp Explorations: Preschool Adventures* (ages 3-5) take advantage of everything summer has to offer.

Our teachers develop a fun curriculum that uses surrounding communities and special visitors as an extension of the camp and integrate technology throughout the programs. Children learn about the world around them while exploring nature, experimenting with science, and engaging in creative arts.

To learn more about summer camp programs at your center, talk to your center director. Programs vary by location.



Check out all the places you can connect with us!