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Director's News

April will be a busy but **very fun** month! We will kick off the week of the Young Child and Easter (the week of April 15th) with the Picnic on the Green on Tuesday, Easter Egg Hunt and Class Parties on Wednesday, and Bubble Parade, Ice Cream Sundaes, and the St. Jude Trike-A-Thon on Friday!

Summer Camp Fun



Hey have you ever held a raw egg in your hand without the shell? Have you ever tied a chicken bone in a knot? Have you ever exploded a diet coke? Well this summer we are going to become mad scientists and do those things and more!!!

Field trips, swimming/water play, arts and crafts! Pops and bangs and explosions galore! Using all our senses to discover the world around us! Building towers and our knowledge! Grab your lab coats and safety glasses, and join us for some scientific fun!

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Easter Egg Hunt

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Wednesday, April 17th from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

- **Roly Poly/Cuddlebugs - 9:00 AM**
- **Grasshoppers - 9:30 AM**
- **Caterpillars - 10:00 AM**
- **Butterflies - 10:30 AM**

Early Childhood Education Corner

Sand and Water Play

Upcoming Events

- **Picnic on the Green - 4/16/19**
- **Easter Egg Hunt and Class Parties - 4/17**
- **Bubble Parade and Ice Cream Sundaes - 4/19**
- **St. Jude Trike-A-Thon - 4/19/19**

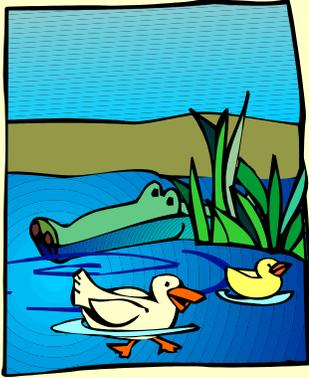
Playing with sand and water is a great sensory experience for children. Playing with sand and water helps children experience the five senses and challenges their developmental growth.

Having a sand and water area can inspire children to create their own villages out of sand while working together with their friends, allowing them to grow socially.

Physical development is strengthened as children form the wet sand into shapes. This helps them develop their small gross motor skills. Their hand-eye coordination is strengthened as they use a funnel to pour water into a specific area.

Cognitive development grows as children make observations about how dry sand and wet sand feel differently, what water feels like running through their fingers, and how sand and water look completely different. Children also observed how combining sand and water changes the color of the sand, and the water seems to disappear. These observations help children develop a larger knowledge base on which they can build on.

Children love to play with water and sand, and when you put the two together, it is like a party in their hands! That is why we encourage water and sand play here at Bright Ideas, and we encourage you to try this at home.



Roly Poly News

Kelsey Fields - Lead Teacher

Kelsey Spitler - Lead Teacher

Shelby Mathews - Assistant
Teacher

Cuddlebug News

Cuddlebug I
Michelle Arnold

Cuddlebug II
Tamia Brown - Lead Teacher
Ashley G - Assistant Teacher

Cuddlebug III
Michelle - Lead Teacher
Allison Faulkner - Assistant
Teacher

Grasshopper News

Grasshopper I
Tracy W - Lead Teacher
Ellie R - Assistant Teacher

Caterpillar News

Naomi - Lead Teacher

Anikia Jefferson - Lead Teacher

Sheretta M - Assistant Teacher

Spring is blooming in the infant room! Flowers and baby animals are coming to life this month. We will be having fun outside and enjoying all that the month of April has to offer.

Spring is finally here! This month we will be talking about baby animals, turtles, tadpoles, and frogs. We will explore the world of gardening by planting flowers, fruits, and vegetables. We will enjoy nature a bit more by going out on picnics.

Please see our class newsletter!

April showers bring May flowers, green grass, budding trees, and "Grasshoppers". As the environment changes with the warming weather, animal life changes, too. Baby animals appear, pond animals emerge, and tadpoles turn into frogs. This month we will continue to explore the wonders of spring, baby animals, turtles, tadpoles, frogs, plants, and all the great activities you can do outside during springtime.

This month the Caterpillars will be learning about "Spring Fever". We will experience the environmental changes with the warming weather and animal life changes, too. We will continue to explore the wonders of springtime.

*"It is easier to build
strong children
than to repair
broken men."*

Frederick Douglas

Butterfly News

Aisha Onipede - Lead Teacher

We are excited about the spring weather and all the fun that comes with being outside! This month we will enjoy mixing colors, dying eggs, flying kites, and learning our colors in Spanish. We will continue our Hatch learning activities, including reading aloud, developing language, developing concepts, color words, developing phonological awareness, rhyming, and letter and number recognition.

Kamp Kids News

Cynthia Jones - Lead teacher

I am really excited about our summer camp this year! Read about "Summer Camp Fun" on Page 1 of this newsletter.

Week of the Young Child and Easter - Special Events Information

The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. The 2019 Week of the Young Child is April 15th - April 19th, and the theme is "Early Years are Learning Years".

We are excited to celebrate the Week of the Young Child this year with you and your family. We will have something special each day of the week. We would like to thank everyone who has a positive impact in a child's life.

- **Tuesday - Picnic Day:** Please bring a beach towel. We will all eat together outside on the playground.
- **Wednesday - Easter Egg Hunt and Class Parties:** Please bring at least one dozen plastic eggs filled with individually wrapped candy and your child(ren)'s Easter basket(s).
- **Friday - Bubble Parade and Ice Cream Sundaes:** Please bring one bottle of bubbles for your child(ren)
- **Friday - Trik-A-Thon:** Make sure to bring your helmet and a bike with your name on it.

New Faces

We would like to welcome the following students and teachers to Bright Ideas:

- Violet Jefferson
- Noah Davis
- Hudson Robinson
- Peyton Brown
- Justice Davis
- Ms. Rakeyta Warren
- Ms. Aisha Onipede

WELCOME

News to Know:

Bright Ideas now has T-shirts! We will begin taking orders mid-April. Look for more information to come.

Please be sure to pay your summer activity fees so you can receive a FREE T-shirt! Every Friday will be Spirit Day!

We will be open on Good Friday, April 19th. Please sign your school-age child(ren) up in the front lobby.

It is a licensing requirement that all children go outside daily weather-permitting. Please see your child(ren)'s classroom schedule(s) for their morning and afternoon outside time(s).

Please send your child(ren) to school wearing closed-toe shoes with backs in order to prevent injury.

Please ensure that your child(ren) has/have at least one complete set of weather-appropriate change of clothes in his/her/their cubby/cubbies.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to wish the following a very Happy Birthday!

- Kamari Rhyan 4/2
- Noah Davis 4/2
- Aiden Pagoria 4/5
- Madelyn Milone 4/6
- Adelne Palmer 4/9
- Edson Soledad 4/10
- Lucas Brown 4/13
- Abby Sermeno 4/14
- Lucy Jones 4/17
- Lakelynn Jones 4/18
- Benjamin Abernathy 4/23
- Laiken Buss 4/24
- Joseph Brooks 4/28

- Ms. Michelle 4/16
- Ms. Kiara 4/23
- Ms. Madison 4/30



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