Best Beginnings Preschool
Family Newsletter
March 2022

The signs of spring are beginning to pop up here and there. I am looking forward to springing forward on the 13th and enjoying a little more daylight. In March we will learn about dinosaurs, dirt and mud, things that are green and we will smile for school pictures. Teachers will also share how your child has grown and changed throughout the year during parent conferences.

As many of you are aware, Governor Inslee announced lifting the statewide indoor mask requirement for most settings effective March 21. Currently King County's indoor mask requirement remains in effect. I understand everyone has their concerns and points of view regarding our students wearing, or not wearing masks. At this time, all staff and students will continue wearing masks until further notice. Please remember most of our students are not eligible to be vaccinated and therefore we will continue to provide a safe and healthy environment for all students for the remainder of the school year. We appreciate your understanding and continued support in maintaining a healthy environment. *Happy Spring! ~ Kerry*

School Pictures

Picture day is Wednesday, March 9th and Thursday, March 10th. Your child will have photos taken on their regular class day. Be sure to check your student's class calendar for picture date. We have many classes to photograph each day so please arrive on time to school.

Kids Photography has been coming to our school for many years. They do an excellent job keeping everyone safe while getting a wonderful photo. The photographers are masked, vaccinated, and maintain distance from the kids. The area for individual photos is sanitized before each student.

There will be multiple pictures taken of your child on picture day. Within a few days you will be able to login online with a password to view and purchase your child's photos. Pictures will be sent to school to be distributed by teachers.

**Spring Ahead
Sunday,
March
13**

Time to
Spring Ahead

Conferences

We are doing conferences a little different this year. The week of March 7th teachers will send home your child's individual evaluation. On March 16th and 17th, we will offer parent's the opportunity to discuss the evaluation with their child's teacher. This can be in person or on Zoom if parents do not feel comfortable meeting in person. Please check your class calendar for your specific conference date. *There is no regular class on your conference day.* Conferences last 15 minutes. Please be mindful of the time as the teachers have a tight schedule to keep.

April Tuition

Spring Break is April 4-8 and the office is closed. The deadline for tuition for April will be April 15th. After that date, tuition will be considered late.

LET'S READ!

Did you know that reading aloud is the single most important thing you can do with your child to support language development and early literacy skills?

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Reading aloud:

- ✓ Builds motivation, curiosity and memory
- ✓ Helps calm children experiencing stress or anxiety
- ✓ Introduces children to new ideas, words, and vocabulary
- ✓ Creates positive feelings about books and reading

WHEN TO READ

Research shows that reading aloud to your child **at least once a day** can help build crucial language and literacy skills. **Bedtime** is the perfect time for reading aloud because it can be calming for the child. Reading also helps strengthen the bond between you and your child.

WHAT TO READ?

Read books about things your child likes. Does your child like dinosaurs? What about horses or princesses? When you involve your child in the process of selecting the books you will read together, your child will be more likely to enjoy listening to the story.

READING TIPS

Incorporate these simple tips below to help your child get more out of the reading experience:

- ✓ Point to the words as you read them.
- ✓ Encourage your child to join in when reading familiar stories.
- ✓ Read your child's favorite stories often.
- ✓ Talk about the pictures

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