

Bright Start Buzz

July, 2009

Dear Parents,

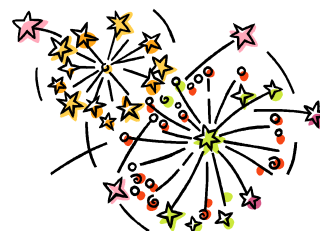
This will be my last official newsletter to you ☹️. As Carin and I continue to transition her into the role of Director you will see her taking on more and more of the director responsibilities to ensure a smooth transition. The goal being by August, Carin will fully be in her new role as Director. I will remain on site through approximately mid August to ensure Carin and the new Associate Director have settled in. We are currently interviewing a number of excellent candidates to fill the Associate Director position and hope to have a new Associate Director in place by the end of July.

Summertime at Bright Start has once again brought us pool days, field days, time outside and of course our annual ice cream social. This year's social is scheduled for Thursday, July 9 from 6:30 - 7:30 in the gazebo. The social is a great time for parents to get to know each other and the teachers in a more casual environment. Children will still need to be picked up from the center by 6:30 and will be in the care of parents at the social. Mr. Skip will also be joining us to perform his wonderfully fun songs for the children!

Looking ahead:

~Bright Start will be closed Friday, July 3.

~If your child will go to kindergarten this year please remember to notify us of your child's last day. This will help us with our planning for summer and fall.



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Reminders



Breakfast is over at 9:00 a.m. If your child will have breakfast at school please arrive by 8:50.



Please do not double park outside the center. The police will ticket you. It serves as a hazard to cars that have to squeeze through and more importantly to children and their families crossing the street.



Label all of your child's belongings that come to school and please do not send items to school that are special or expensive.



Tuition is due the 1st of every month for families paying monthly and on Monday for parents paying weekly. Any tuition paid late is subject to a \$25 late fee.

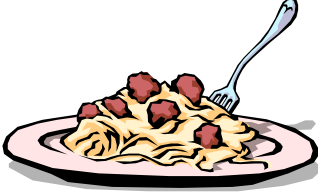


Bright Start opens at 7:00 a.m. We are not licensed to have children in the building before that time. Our staff begins to come in at 6:45 to prepare for the day, but they do not accept children before 7. The Half Day class opens at 9 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. Children are not accepted in the Half day class until 9:00 am.

The center closes at 6:30. There is a \$15 late charge for any children not picked up on time. An additional \$15 is charged after 6:45. For the half day class, the late fee is charged after 1:00, with an additional fee every 15 minutes.

New Family Traditions

Special Meals



Sunday Kids Choice:

Start a Sunday dinner tradition by letting the kids choose what's for dinner and letting them decorate the dinner table any way they like! Also, throw in that whoever chooses what's for dinner helps to clean up!

Indoor Picnics:

Move your meal to the floor for a twist on pizza night!

Reading Dinners:

Everyone takes turns reading their favorite story during dinner. Keep books by the table in a basket so there are plenty to choose from.

Bedtime Rituals:



Plant good dreams:

Trace a circle on your child's forehead to plant good dreams. Suggest good dreams that are vivid and action packed in order to keep the monsters away!

Proud Prouds:

Ask your child to share something at bedtime that he or she did that day that made him/her proud. Sometimes you'll be surprised what you learn about the day!

Bedtime Countdown:

Make a bedtime checklist and check off the items as you go. End the list with turning off the lights and settling into (and staying!) in bed.

10 Good Things Rituals Do for Children

- ✓ Impart a sense of identity
- ✓ Provide comfort & security
- ✓ Help to navigate change
- ✓ Teach values
- ✓ Pass on ethnic or religious heritage
- ✓ Teach practical skills
- ✓ Solve problems
- ✓ Keep alive a sense of departed family members
- ✓ Help heal from loss or trauma
- ✓ Generate memories

More information on these and other family traditions can be found in "The Book of New Family Traditions", by Meg Cox

Tuition Information

As mentioned in the June 29 letter, Tuition at Bright Start will increase by 3% beginning September 1, 2009. The new rates are below:

Tuition Rate as of September 1, 2009

Weekly Tuition

<u>Classrooms</u>	<u>Full Time</u>
Infants	\$387
Older Infants/Little Tots	\$357
Young Twos/2's & 3's	\$328
Preschoolers	\$299

Monthly Tuition using Tuition Express

<u>Classroom</u>	<u>Full Time</u>
Infants	\$1,593
Older Infants/Little Tots	\$1,470
Young Two's/2's & 3's	\$1,347
Preschool	\$1,226

Half Day Program Weekly Tuition

<u>Two Day</u>	<u>Three Day</u>	<u>Four Day</u>	<u>Five Day</u>
\$95	\$142	\$190	\$237

Half Day Program Monthly Tuition***

<u>Two Day</u>	<u>Three Day</u>	<u>Four Day</u>	<u>Five Day</u>
\$390	\$585	\$780	\$974

**There is an additional \$30 charge for music and music & movement class.

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