



Blake & Milford CLC
Brooklyn, New York
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Important Dates

April 15th 2019 is picture Day

Dear Blake Families

Parents you have so much to offer your children because LITERACY BEINGS WITH YOU. Talk, read, write and draw with your children in any language. This will help children overall with their literacy development and English Language Learning.

Literacy doesn't cost money. It is part of everyday activities. Talk with your child while you are cooking, eating, shopping and while doing household task.

Your children's future depends on you too. We are a partners and we must work together to build on your children strength and area of improvement. Hello Spring! We welcome you!

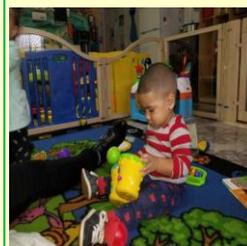
Upcoming Birthday's

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ms. Nikiesha

Infant News

There's always excitement in our infant room! Our little ones can enjoy a safe and learning environment through music, play and movement activities. We also take our time to understand their needs. As the month of March begins and spring sprouts, the weather will allow our infants to be more outdoors. We will be working and developing their large muscles, through our morning walks in the community and on the playground. Our older infants will be joining our pre-toddlers at the literacy center at the Cypress Hill library. Our younger Infants will be practicing their fine motor skills by reaching, grabbing, pulling and tapping.



Please visit our website for more information on daycare closings, our menu and fun activities to engage your children!

www.BlakeAndMilforddaycare.com

Pre-Toddler News

As we wave goodbye to the winter, and say hello to spring and the allergy season. Parents, let's be extra careful to not leave allergy medications that looks like candy in our bags or in plain sight. March is the month we honor and celebrate Women; for our home school connection, we will be asking all parents to send in a picture of the matriarch in their family to post in our classroom. We will resume our walks to the library and to the park, if weather permits. Our class will continue to work on their individual goals. To develop cognitive skills, we will have students match objects to objects, color to color etc. To develop language we will continue using our word wall. The word wall will connect to our unit of study for the month of March. We are so excited about spring and look forward to see our parents participating in our upcoming events. Hello Spring!!!!



Toddler News

Our theme for this month was friendship; however our central focus was on the color red. The children participate in various activities which supported all areas of their development. To practice their cognitive development, we listen to stories about friendship and asked open ended questions. We read books like Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister and How Do Dinosaurs Play with Friends? By: Jane Yolen. These stories allowed our students to learn the concept of sharing and playing nicely. To develop language we recited poems and sang songs. To promote positive social skills, our students participated in large group games like “pass the red bean bag”, “hide who’s under the blanket”, and “red hunt with a friend”. The students are encouraged to interact, take turns, and work together. Our students practice their fine-motor skills through art (painting, coloring, stamping and exploring homemade red play dough. Each student is working diligently on self-help skills by pulling down their own pants and using the toilet with little assistance. We had a friendship day party, it was a blast! Thank you to all our wonderful parents who participated and the Rentas family for the Valentine’s Day Bingo game.



Pre-School News

For the month of February our unit of study was "Light". They learned about natural lights like the Sun, Moon and Stars. We also learned about the Light Bulb, Traffic Lights and various things that give Light; such as Candles, Lanterns, and Flashlight. The children discovered who invented the Light Bulb; Thomas Edison and the person who invented the Traffic Light; Garrett Morgan.

To extend their learning, our students were taken outside to experience how light can produce a shadow. They also worked on making light bulbs, traffic lights and art work depicting light and dark.



For the month of March our unit of study will be on "Water". Students will be able to name places we find Water like the Faucet, Clouds, Beach, our Bodies and more. To scaffold on their knowledge of Water, we will discuss "what happens to water when it changes temperature; freeze, boil etc. Students will do a variety of art work like water painting, ice cube painting and a cooking activity (making Jell-O).

We will read books related to our unit of study to supplement their learning on this topics, "Cloudy with a chance of Meatballs" by J. Barrett, "Listen to the Rain" by B. Martin, "Save Water Everyday" by M. Schuh, "The Snowy Day" by E. Jack Keats. "Goodnight Moon" by M. Wise-Brown, "How many Stars in the Sky" by L. Hort, "Light and Dark" by Daniel Nunn, "Little Owl's Day" by D. Srinivasan, and "The Moon Book" by G. Gibbons.

Parents continue to read to your students at least 20 minutes every day. Ask them to make predictions before reading the book as well as ask a description of the pictures in the book.

