



Blake & Milford CLC
Brooklyn, New York
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Dear Blake Families

Spring is here! Time to get out there and enjoy the beautiful weather!

Now that spring has arrived, I would like to review our school dress code policy. The dress code policy provides a safe and comfortable environment for all children. For safety reasons children are not allowed to wear flip-flops, open toe sandals or footwear that may be hazardous in large group atmosphere. Sandals must be secured and safe to run in.

Please visit us online and click on the family resources icon for information on activities you can implement with your children at home.

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."

-Benjamin Franklin

Important Dates

Staff Development- May 7th 2019; Staff Development, Center Closed

Memorial Day – May 27th 2019; Center Closed

Upcoming Birthday's

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Margie, Cailee
Jeymelys, Jamel, Lucas, Maliah
Ms. Loly, Ms. Ana

Infant News

May is the month of growth. Our entire infants are moving independently, many have words to their vocabulary. This month our infant worked on stacking blocks, after stacking block they would count one through four. We did many activities in our classroom, such as singing, dancing, stacking rings and playing musical instruments. During the month of May we took long walks around the neighborhood and played in the playground. Our infant's goals are to build words so we focus on the "First 100 Words" by Bright Baby.



Please visit our website for more information on our center's closings, our menu and fun activities to engage in with your child (ren)!

www.blakeandmilforddaycare.com

Tiny-Tots News

This month we will be exploring the unit on transportation. We will be learning about different modes of transportation, and incorporating students learning goals. For cognitive development, our students will sort colors, shapes, match puzzle pieces and continue working on problem solving skills through activities. For language development, we will read books, sing songs, and review our word wall daily, to develop language. Gross motor activities will be done through morning walks, playing at the park and during our music and movement activities. We are asking all our parents to send a picture of their child inside any mode of transportation or next to one. Your participation is appreciated.



Toddler News

April was an egg-cellent experience for our toddlers. This month we explored eggs and various ways we use eggs. For cognitive development we reinforced colors through egg dying. The children were asked to guess what color it will be and were so amazed when the color tablets sizzled in the water. We also strengthened math skills by counting, sorting, and recognizing numbers 1-10 with plastic eggs. We stimulated our senses with “Egg salad” and each child had a turn touching, tasting, and labeling food items. To build self-help skills the children dress themselves in their spring gear when we go out. In addition, each child is working on gaining daytime control, putting on their own spring gear, and washing their hands. We used picture labels to strengthen expressive and receptive vocabulary as we introduce words from our word wall such as rooster, hen, nest, egg, scrambled eggs, boiled eggs, and fried eggs. We sang songs and participated in finger plays like “Five Eggs and Five Eggs.” For fine-motor activities the children ripped paper for decorating oval shapes, they also chose materials and accessorized their own baskets. For gross motor activity, we walk as we explore our community; we also had an egg hunt and egg roll races in the classroom. We read books such as Green eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss and First the Egg by Laura Vaccaro. Our class continues to participate in the literacy program at the Brooklyn Public Library, every Wednesday morning. May is here, and we have many fun activities waiting!



Pre-School News

This is a very busy and exciting Month as we learn and explore "Babies"! Preschoolers are not babies anymore and will sure to remind you of that! As we unearth our new topic, students shared what they know about baby siblings and were able to discuss why babies need special love. To extend their learning we did special activities; Baby Bottle Printing, Craft Stick baby and sorting out items that are helpful to babies or not. Students enjoyed sharing their displayed baby photos on our classroom wall, for teachers and friends to see! Not only were the students taught about human babies, they also learned about Baby Animals and their specialized names. Students learn how veterinarians and zoologist assist in helping Baby animals.

Our preschoolers continue to learn the alphabets, numbers coupled with the spelling of their names. We talk about feelings everyday and enjoy a variety of reading materials, songs and poems. Parents are encouraged to incorporate letter recognition when reading to your children. Allocate a reading time of at least 20 minutes daily.

