

Bright Ideas Enrichment Center, Inc

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Upcoming Events

- ❖ Schools Begins
8/6/2018
- ❖ Education/ Supply fee Due:
8/13/2018
- ❖ We are closed Monday,
9/3/2018 in observance of Labor Day

Director - Memrie McGovern, B.S.F.C.S.
Assistant Director-Kristen Robertson, B.P.S.
Health & Safety Manager-Beverly Marion, A.A.S.

Director's News

August is a big month for all of us at Bright Ideas Enrichment Center as we say goodbye to summer and hello to our new school year! Children are moving up and parents are getting to know their children's new teachers and schedule. We are looking forward to the best Preschool year yet! To ensure this is a fun and smooth transition for everyone, I would like to take this time to go over our most "asked parent questions regarding the school year"

-Why do children move up? We follow the same guidelines as Shelby County schools, therefore it's very important your child is on that same track and ready for kindergarten by the age of 5.

-Do you have a certain curriculum? Yes. We follow the Pinnacle Early Childhood Curriculum and Hatch, once in Pre-K.

-Do your teachers have degrees? Yes, all our teachers either have or are working towards their bachelor's or CDA.

-Are you a preschool or daycare? We are a 3-star Private Preschool, the highest rating possible

- Do I need to purchase school supplies for my child? No. Everything your child will need is covered by the \$45 education/supply fee.

-When is the \$45 education/supply fee due? August 13.

-What time does Preschool start each day? 9am. Our center hours are 6:30am-6:00pm, preschool classes are 9am-3pm.

-Do you offer parent/teacher conferences? Yes, 3 times a year.

Early Childhood Education Corner

How important is preschool? We believe *very*.

"There's increasing evidence that children gain a lot from going to preschool," says *Parents* advisor Kathleen McCartney, PhD, dean of Harvard Graduate School of Education, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. "At preschool, they become exposed to numbers, letters, and shapes. And, more important, they learn how to socialize -- get along with other children, share, contribute to circle time."

Statistics show that a majority of kids attend at least one year of preschool: According to the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER), more than two-thirds of 4-year-olds and more than 40 percent of 3-year-olds were enrolled in a preschool in 2005. "Children who attend high-quality preschool enter kindergarten with better pre-reading skills, richer vocabularies, and stronger basic math skills than those who do not," says NIEER director W. Steven Barnett, PhD.

"Every child should have some sort of group experience before he starts kindergarten," says Amy Flynn, director of New York City's Bank Street Family Center. Music and gymnastics classes are great, but what preschools do that less formal classes don't is teach kids how to be students. Your child will learn how to raise her hand, take turns, and share the teacher's attention.



Roly Poly News

Roly Poly I-Ms. Lintresa Chambers, Lead Teacher, Ms. Nora Johnson , Asst. Teacher

Roly Poly II- Ms. Stephanie Smith - Lead Teacher

We are so excited for this school year. We love our babies and feel this is always such a special time

because we get to start our bond with each infant and watch them grow! Please make sure your child has plenty of clothes each day and label, label, label.

Cuddlebug News

Cuddlebug I - Ms. Tori Williams - Lead Teacher, Ms. Lenisha Parrot-Asst. Teacher

Welcome to our new Cuddlebug 1 room or as we like to call it our "Jungle Room". We are overjoyed to offer this brand-new room to our growing up infants.

How exciting to all learn to walk/run, talk and grow into toddlers together!

Cuddlebug II-Ms. Dedra Shephard, Lead Asst. Teacher-Ms. Ashley Gray

Calling all one year olds! Toot Toot, jump on the Cuddlebug 2 express...this year's going to be an awesome ride! Parents, look for lots of "look what I can do" work coming on.



Busy Bees News

Busy Bees I - Ms. Ashley Williams & Ms. Kelsey Fields

We have tailor made exciting experiences for your Toddler this year! We know that these little ones are seeing the world in wonderful ways and need to be in an environment that will stimulate

their minds and bodies. This age is such a special time for learning and we look forward to many unforgettable experiences. We love to have fun through learning in Busy Bees!

Grasshopper News

Grasshoppers I - Ms. Tracy W. - Lead Teacher, Ms. Jada Ingram

Grasshoppers II - Ms. Naomi Cogbill-Lead Teacher, Ms. Keysha

The Pinnacle Early Childhood Curriculum is designed to engage children in developmentally appropriate activities that move them toward their potential as

they explore and experiment with materials and activities in the classroom. Please see our different areas including science, music and classroom made enrichment items. We are turning into big boys and girls and can't wait to get to it!



Caterpillar News

Caterpillar I- Ms. Tammi McCullough, Lead Teacher, Ms. Brie Gordan, Asst.

Caterpillar II- Ms. Anikia Jefferson, Lead Teacher

We are thrilled to hop on the road to reading, self- confidence and the love of learning with your child. Our Caterpillars are

quickly expanding their knowledge and mastery of the world around them. Our environment nourishes each child's individual development as we concentrate on the physical, intellectual, emotional and social needs of each child.



Butterfly News

Ms. Melissa Anderson - Lead Teacher

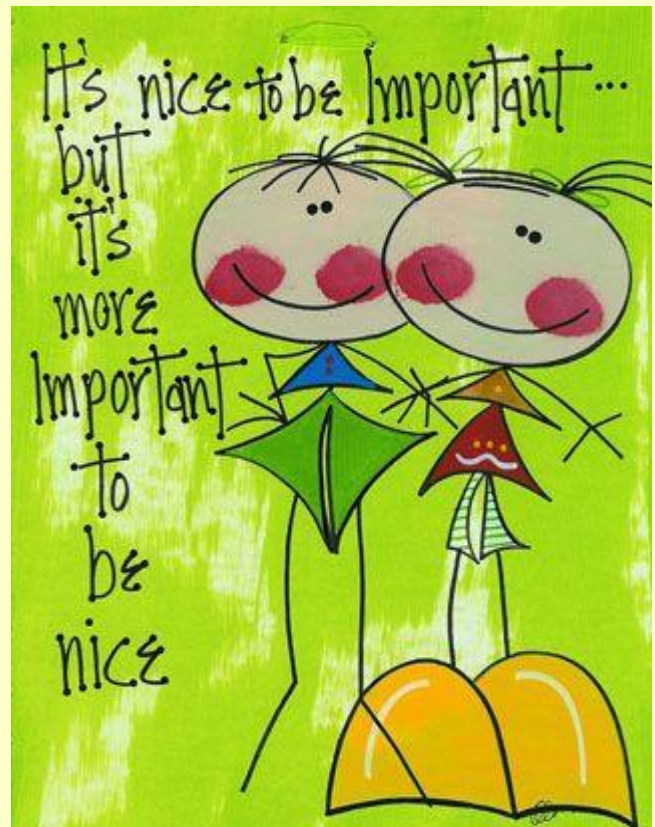
Welcome to your Senior Year at Bright Ideas! So many of you started out with us as infants and it's been our privilege to watch you grow throughout our program. Its bittersweet for us knowing this is your last stop with as a Preschooler. This year is all about focusing on getting you ready for Kindergarten. In addition to our curriculum, we have our Hatch Learning. This really sets our Pre-K apart from others. This amazing technology focused on S.T.E.M. will be incorporated into our schedule every day.

Kamp Kids

We have our Kamp Kids Program available to children ages 5-12 during all school vacations this year (Federal Holidays excluded)

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that you
are
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New Students

We would like to welcome the following children to Bright Ideas:

- Joshua H.
- Harper G.
- Kade G.
- Spencer L.
- Glendon S.
- Rozlyn S.
- Colton B.
- Mia R.
- Raphael M.
- Callen R.
- Liam R.
- Jaxton M.
- Anakin S.

WELCOME

Welcome Back!

- Benjamin S.
- Paris B.

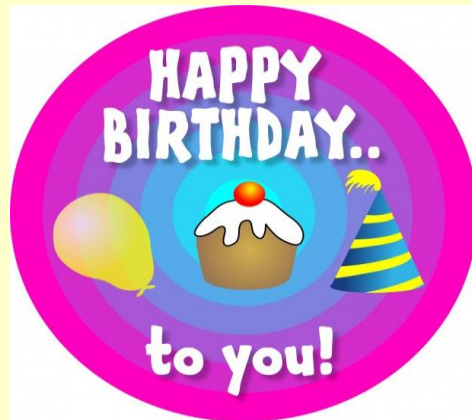
We are so glad you all are here. We love our new friends!!

We're on the Web!
www.brightideasco.net

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:

- ❖ Isaac L.
- ❖ Emma M.
- ❖ Logan B.
- ❖ Ellis C.
- ❖ Baylee C.
- ❖ Isabel L.
- ❖ Anna G.
- ❖ Lilly K.
- ❖ Ainslinn L.
- ❖ Michael H.
- ❖ Murphy H.
- ❖ Raphael M.
- ❖ Mason D.
- ❖ Matthew M.
- ❖ Desmond W.
- ❖ Taylor H.
- ❖ Anakin S.
- ❖ Karmyn G.
- ❖ Siri H.
- ❖ David Y.
- ❖ Jimmy M.
- ❖ Liam C.



*******Notice: During the school year, lunch is served at 11am for Roly Polys, Cuddlebugs and Busy Bees and 11:30am for Grasshoppers, Caterpillars and Butterflies.**