

Bright Ideas Enrichment Center, Inc

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Director - Memrie McGovern

Director's News

May is hectic and exciting all at the same time. We have many events happening this month. Please be sure you are reading all the event reminders that will be posted on the doors and time clocks.

Bright Ideas would like to celebrate all of our wonderful moms and mother figures that are in our children's lives. We will have Muffins for Moms on Friday, May 12th. Moms, grandmas, aunts, etc. are invited to come eat breakfast with your child. Happy Mother's Day!

We will have Parent/Teacher Conferences the week of May 15th - 19th. This will be the last Parent/Teacher Conference of the school year. Please be sure you sign up in your child's classroom. This is the best opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress during this school year.

Summer Fun Camp begins on the last day of school for all the school-agers. The cost for SFC is a \$50.00 activity fee & \$125.00 per week which includes all meals and field trips. Please pick up a calendar from Ms. Ashley or the office. Ms. Ashley has planned an extremely entertaining summer for the children.

Ice Cream Day will begin on Wednesday May 31st. Your preschool child's activity fee will cover the cost of ice cream each week.

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Upcoming Events

- ❖ Muffins for Mom 5/12/17
- ❖ Last Day of school 5/26/17
- ❖ Memorial Day - May 29th - Center Closed
- ❖ Parent/Teacher Conferences - 5/15 - 5/19/17

Early Childhood Education Corner

Why is play important?

I think that most of the play research supports the notion that play is essential to the physical, social, cognitive and emotional aspects of a child's development. In what ways?? I have included some specific examples below:

- When children run, play ball or jump, they develop **large motor skills**.
- By stringing beads, cutting with scissors or playing with clay, children develop **fine motor skills** (necessary for writing).
- Play that involves taking turns, sharing, listening to and cooperating with others develops important **social skills** and helps children learn to get along with others.
- Through play, children can **construct knowledge** about the world in which they

live. Children can engage in **problem solving** as well as learn skills and concepts.

- Children can use play to **resolve** their own inner conflicts.
- By interacting with others in play, children have opportunities to learn to **self-regulate**.
- When children sing songs and play name games or tell stories, they build **language and vocabulary skills**.
- During dramatic play, children can act out **social roles** they have observed at home, at school and in the community.
- While they are playing, children can engage in non-verbal and verbal communication thus increasing their ability to use **language** effectively.
- When they are playing, often children can relax and feel free from stress.



Roly Poly 1 & 2 News

Ms. Lintresa Chambers - Lead Teacher

Ms. Natasha Craig - Lead Teacher

Marvelous may is here! All the colors of spring are around us! The infants will explore the animals in the zoo, lady bugs and

how much moms mean to us! This is a great month so let's enjoy the ride!

Cuddlebug News

Cuddlebug I - Samone Davis - Lead Teacher

Cuddlebug II - Sydney Duncan - Lead Teacher

We will explore colors in week one. We will show our mommies how much we love and appreciate them in week two. A

trip to the zoo is in store for week three. We will discuss ladybugs in week four. And finally we will count down the days to summer in a fun and wacky way.

Grasshopper News

Grasshopper I - Anikia Jefferson - Lead Teacher

Grasshopper II - Naomi Cogbill - Lead Teacher
Ashley Williams - Asst. Teacher

Spring is definitely in the air, flowers, trees and gardens are in full blossom. The weather is warmer, longer days and summer is around the corner! This month we will look at the

beautiful colors of spring. We will also honor our Mother's Day. It will be a month of wacky fun for everyone. Getting ready for a "Marvelous May".

Caterpillar News

Caterpillars I -
Tammi McCullough - Lead Teacher

Kiara Brown - Asst. Teacher

Caterpillar II

Melissa Anderson - Lead Teacher

This month we'll look at the beautiful colors of spring. We'll be celebrating May Day with a

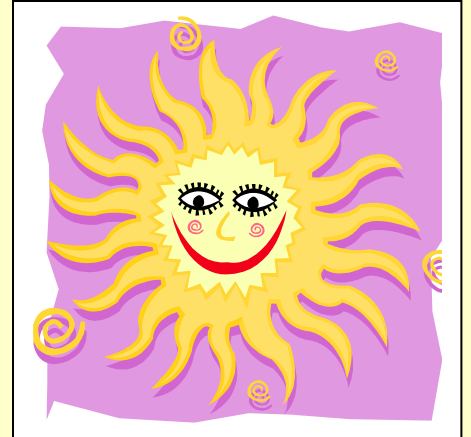
special flag dance. In honor of Mother's Day, the children will create special gifts. We will also create our own little zoo. We are off to our wild adventure.

We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today. ~Stacia Tauscher

Butterfly News

Ms. Andrea Williams - Lead Teacher

This month we will practice Kindergarten readiness skills and have a lot of outdoor fun. We will explore with yard tools, explore the flowers and fly kites.



KampKids News

May will find the school-agers getting ready to wrap up the school year!! We will be having a month of competition with all the games in the classroom! We will be learning to play all the games and competing on group levels. We will also be finalizing our plans for a summer of fun! Remember to tell all of your friends about the fun we have in store and bring them with you!! Referrals mean free weeks for you if they stay four weeks! 5 referrals mean ½ your summer paid for!!

Free Family Attractions in Memphis

Many local attractions offer free or reduced price admission on particular days or events. I have included list of these attractions:

- **The National Civil Rights Museum** - Mondays from 3:00pm - Close
- **The Memphis Zoo** - Tuesdays from 2:00 - 5:00
- **The Pink Palace Museum** - Tuesdays from 1:00 - 4:00
- **The Fire Museum of Memphis** - On Tuesdays it's buy one admission get the second one free
- **Lichterman Nature Center** - Tuesdays from 1:00 - close
- **Brooks Museum of Art** - Wednesdays are pay what you can. Any amount from 1 penny up will pay your admission.
- **Dixon Gallery and Gardens** - Saturday 10:00 - 12:00, Tuesdays 10:00 - 4:00.
- **Shelby Forest and T.O Fuller State Parks** - Wednesdays are free access
- **Playhouse on the Square and Circuit Playhouse** - For each of its productions they offer one "Pay What You Can" night.



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New Students

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

- Noah F.
- Trey H.
- Hall M.
- Alice M.
- Austin W.
- Aaliyah W.
- Brandon "B.J." J.
- Paris B.
- Madelyn W.
- Amelia S.
- Momo D.
- Naimah W.
- Brooklynn C.
- Morgan H.
- Liam C.

WELCOME

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to wish the following Happy Birthday:

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

- Esha D. - 5/1 - Happy 5th Birthday
- Momo D. - 5/4 - Happy 3rd Birthday
- Laila C. - 5/7 - Happy 2nd Birthday
- Eli K.. - 5/11 - Happy 4th Birthday
- Alex W. - 5/13 - Happy 4th Birthday
- Marshall P. - 5/22 - Happy 4th Birthday
- Asher C. - 5/29 - Happy 4th Birthday
- Jorge Z.- 5/30 - Happy 3rd Birthday
- Sheila C. - 5/7 - Happy Birthday