

*"Imagination does not become great until human beings, given the courage and the strength, use it to create."*  
- Maria Montessori

## September Newsletter

### Welcome Bright Child Families

We hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready for a new school year. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our 8th school year at Bright Child. In that time, we have grown our school by over 1000%. This success can be directly attributed to our commitment to provide only the highest quality of care possible for your little ones. We attract and carefully select talented teachers from our area who share our values, we encourage them to be creative and give them the freedom to make improvements where they see it. This school year we are excited to welcome back Ms. Oates from her maternity leave! We are also happy to formally introduce Ms. Harper, who has previously been with our JK//SK students this summer, to our Toddler classroom as well, both will be joining Ms. Jenner!

### Grace and Courtesy

Each classroom at Bright Child Montessori will be reviewing grace and courtesy lessons each day. We wish to hear "please", "may I have", "thank you", "you're welcome", and "excuse me" as part of our daily language. Along with these words, we also encourage the children to be in control of their actions, to be considerate of other friends, and to treat others the way you would like to be treated. We will work towards handling the materials with care, skills in cleaning up, listening, taking turns and sitting properly. With coughing and runny noses, soon to be upon us, we learn how to minimize the spreading of germs by covering our mouths with a bent arm (not our hand), using paper tissues to blow noses, and most importantly, washing hands often. Please encourage your children to continue to use these habits at home.

### Tuition, Scheduling, School Hours

We continue to ask that tuition payments are made on the 1st of each month. Payments that are not made by the 7th, will be subject to a late fee of \$50.00. Our hours of operation are 6:30am-5:30pm. We are starting the school year off with a very full house! With each classroom being at their maximum capacity, or very close too, there is very little opportunity for switching, or adding days. For this reason, we cannot allow make up days, as each space is occupied daily. If you have any questions, or schedule change requests please email me. (faith@brightchild.ca) It is very important that your pick up and drop off times are consistent with the schedule you have provided us. These times are what we use to schedule our staff. If there will be a change in these times, please email me and let me know as soon as possible.

### Infant and Toddler Theme

Our infant classroom led by Ms. Drouillard, Ms. Teno, and Ms. Wright will be learning about back to school routines, and their colours! Our Toddler class will also be spending time learning their new school routines!

### New Classroom for JK/SK

We are very excited to announce that our Casa 3 classroom is now primarily filled with JK/SK students! This speaks volumes to the quality of care, and education that we provide here at Bright Child. We are very proud to have our JK/SK program grow each year! As Bright Child continues to grow, we are excited to announce that our JK/SK program, also known as Casa 3, will now be running out of our centre classroom! We are very excited for our oldest children transition to this big wonderful classroom! For the month of September our JK/SK class will be saying good bye to summer, and hello to fall! The leaves will begin to turn yellow, red, and orange giving a colourful salute to summer! They will also be exploring and learning about the different areas of their classroom!

### New Casa 1 Classroom

With the transition of our JK/SK program moving to our centre classroom, we have exciting news for our previous JK/SK classroom, which is now a Casa 1 room. This classroom will be led by Ms. Kidd, who has three children of her own, has been at Bright Child for several years, and has her Toddler Montessori Training! We are very excited for our Toddler students, to have a smaller classroom to transition too before heading to Casa 2 with Ms. Tregaskiss, Ms. DeRoy, and Ms. DiBiase!

### Casa 1 and 2 Theme

This month our Casa students will be getting to know each other while also learning the parents of their own bodies. They will also be discussing their roles in the classroom, daily jobs, class expectations etc. The Casa students will also be studying the life cycle of an apple.

### Health Policy

If illness occurs while your child is at school, you will be contacted for your child's immediate pick up. A child must be free of fever and other symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school. It is up to the teacher's discretion whether your child is symptom free and able to return. Please ensure you have a reliable back up or emergency person readily available for these times when your child is unable to attend. If your child will not be in attendance, please phone the school, email faith@brightchild.ca, or send a message through HiMama.

