



April Newsletter

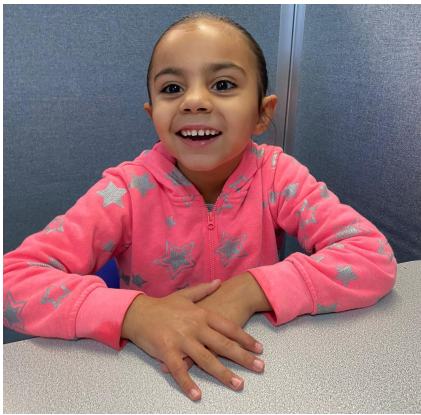
Every April we celebrate World Autism Month, beginning with Autism Awareness Day on April 2nd. This month intends to "highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of those with autism so they can lead full and meaningful lives" (United Nations, 2008). It is a month to move beyond awareness, improve understanding, build inclusion, and create acceptance. To commemorate World Autism Month and the start of Spring, we kicked off the month of April by celebrating Autism Awareness Day and welcoming Spring with our first annual "Hello Springtime" event. Which I must say was a great success! Our kiddos were challenged with an Egg Scavenger Hunt and absolutely crushed it! After, we had the opportunity to bring therapy dogs to our center, where our kiddos could spend one-on-one time playing with and petting the dogs. It was a very joyful day at the center. There were nonstop smiles and laughter on our kiddos' faces. Check out some of our favorite pictures from the Hello Springtime Event!



"World Autism Awareness Day - Background." United Nations, United Nations, 2008, www.un.org/en/observances/autism-day/background.



BI Superstars of the Month



Abriella

Abby has made great progress using her talking device! She is independently and reliably using it to communicate the items she wants and needs. Abby is now able to scan and scroll through 30+ options on her device to let us know what she would like to do. With or without being asked she is communicating which snacks she wants to eat, what activities she wants to engage in, and when she needs to use the bathroom. She has made some amazing strides and we are so very proud of all she has achieved!



Jade

Jade has done an excellent job manding to use the bathroom. She is independently pulling up and down her underwear/pants and is learning to wash her hands independently. During circle time, she is identifying and labeling the days of the week, the month, and the year. She excelled in labeling and identifying community helpers by function in an array of 8. She has mastered completing 6 piece puzzles and is close to mastering a 12 piece puzzle. She is truly a superstar and never ceases to amaze us!



ATTENTION PARENTS!

It is important that we all work together to have a safe and efficient carpool system. If you are the first car in the carpool line, please stop when you arrive at the end of the sidewalk in front of the building. All other cars must pull all the way forward when in the carpool lane and come to a complete stop directly after the car in front of you.

Please refrain from engaging in lengthy discussions with the staff during carpool, it is essential that we keep the carpool moving and running efficiently. If you need to have a discussion with a staff member, please park and let them know ahead of time! Be mindful, that our staff members have other appointments with other clients to get to.

Due to space and storage limitations at our center, we are not accepting any more donations at this time. We have amassed quite a nice collection of toys and activities for our kiddos at the center. We appreciate the contributions any of you have made. However, we will still be accepting items such as Clorox wipes, baby wipes, Lysol, and antibacterial.

Every month, we send out emails to our BI Parents/Guardians reminding you to verify any appointments that have not been verified for that month or any previous months. Please, make sure you are keeping up to date with your guardian verifications. For insurance purposes, this guardian signature and verification is what demonstrates that services were provided by our staff. Additionally, it is necessary for staff disbursement and proper documentation of rendered services. If you have any questions, regarding how to verify an appointment, please contact us!

COMING UP



Wednesday, May 5th - Cinco de Mayo

Sunday, May 9th - Mother's Day

Monday, May 31st - Memorial Day
Please speak with your designated therapist if they are open to deliver services on this day!

