

January 2015

## SAVE THE DATES

**Thurs., Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>**

New Year's Day - CENTER CLOSED

**Fri., Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Center Open

**Mon., Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday  
Palm Beach County Schools Closed  
NO VPK – Camp available

**Mon., Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Ground Hog Day

## CURRICULUM

Earth is Our Home with Mr. G

One the Go with Mr. T

We Take Care of Our Planet with Mr. S

### SPECIAL LEARNING: Dinosaurs

Week 1: Ring in the New Year

Week 2: Flying Dinosaurs  
– Pterodactyl

Week 3: Meat Eating Dinosaurs  
– T-Rex

Week 4: Plant Eating Dinosaurs  
– Brontosaurus

Week 5: Egg Laying Dinosaurs  
– Massospondylus

### DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN PAY TUITION ONLINE?

[www.tuitionexpress.com](http://www.tuitionexpress.com)

### DON'T KNOW WHAT TO ASK FOR A BIRTHDAY GIFT?

How about a GIFT CERTIFICATE for use at our center! Great for tuition, camps, aftercare, evening care... Ask at the front desk for more information!



## Family Friendly De-Clutter Recycling Tips

[www.myorganizedlifeflow.com/2014/04/06/recycling-habits/](http://www.myorganizedlifeflow.com/2014/04/06/recycling-habits/)

It's a new year, are you ready to de-clutter, save time and become more Earth friendly? You can buy containers specifically for recycling or you can just get a couple of plastic bins from your local hardware store and label them appropriately or buy different colors - whatever works in your home. If your trash service will be picking it up they will give you bins to use. Guess who can be a big helper – your little one! Ask them to be your recycling buddy and you'll teach them valuable ways to help our Earth!



Now, here's the fun part that could actually help you de-clutter things a little bit every day.

- Sort through your mail on the way back from the mailbox, eliminating junk mail and tossing it in the paper bin on your way back into the house. You could keep a bin for stuff you want to shred as well if that's something that is important to you. Whatever is left when I get back into the house goes into the appropriate to be paid tray or to look at by Friday tray. Ask your little guy or gal to help put the papers in the right bin.
- When you're done reading newspapers and magazines toss them into the paper bin instead of keeping them around to look at again later, which we both know you'll never do! Ask your little one to roll the paper or have fun scrunching it in a ball and launching it in the right bin. Another good way to recycle magazines is to collect a stack, clip off your address info and donate them to a nearby hospital!
- Kids bring papers home from school all the time. Sort it into three piles immediately. One pile of artwork/papers you want to save (create a special box for keepsakes). The second pile is the paper I can read and recycle after you have written down the information needed from the school, like class newsletters, reminders, etc. Third pile is pictures or papers to display on a "Wall of fame" or things like field trip slips etc. which go in a tray on the wall by the calendar.

All these things can help eliminate the clutter that tends to pile up on the kitchen counter or the table or wherever your favorite clutter spot might be. You know that feeling you get when you walk past the cluttered pile of papers that you know you need to look at or "get through", well if you follow these tips, you should have that feeling a little less often! If you need to feel like you accomplished something today, grab the stack and get through it! In a quick 10 minutes while you're waiting for kids to brush teeth, laundry to finish or whatever you can tackle "the pile" all at once or a little at a time.

### BIRTHDAY CORNER A special **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** goes out to...

Andrea C. – Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>

Andrew M. – Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>

Jefferson D. – Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>

Gerryson M. – Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>

Brad V. – Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>

Bakendy C. – Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>

Teagan F. – Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Nelson R. – Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Kaylee C. – Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>

Anthony H. – Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>

Richard C. – Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>

Nathaniel R. – Jan. 30<sup>t</sup>



## DID YOU KNOW WE OFFER AFTERCARE?

### AGES 5-12 YEARS OLD!

Our aftercare is available 5 days a week. We DO provide pick-up service from most area schools.

#### We offer:

- Teacher assisted homework
- Arts & crafts
- Enrichment activities & more
- Computer room
- Games
- Snacks provided

To register or get more information, ask at our front desk or call us at 561-629-8005.



## DID YOU KNOW YOU WE OFFER EVENING CARE?

Mon. thru Fri. 6pm to 11:30pm.

We offer drop-in, babysitting services, date night, night shift hour care. Dinner and snacks included! Ask at the front desk to see how we can provide your child great care that fits your schedule – at great rates!

NOW OFFERING

EVENING CARE!

**GREAT NEWS!**  
Bright Beginnings now offers  
EVENING CARE Monday thru Friday from  
6pm-11:30pm!

## HAVE YOU "LIKED" US ON FACEBOOK?

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[Facebook.com/BrightBeginningsFlorida](https://www.facebook.com/BrightBeginningsFlorida)

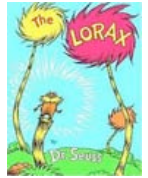


# Green Reads – Great Books to Read with Your Child

[www.pbs.org/parents/education/bookfinder/green-reads/](http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/bookfinder/green-reads/)

In honor of promoting environmental awareness and literacy for Earth Day, here's a green book list. Show your child the importance of our Earth and help them understand how little, everyday things can help make a big difference by sharing the messages in these eco-friendly books.

**The Lorax by Dr. Seuss:** "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not." Just a few short lines from Theodor Seuss Geisel (better known by his pen name, Dr. Seuss) have made a long-lasting impact on society. Via his classically whimsical rhyming couplets and vivaciously wacky illustrations, Dr. Seuss presents the sad story of a once vibrant ecosystem ruined by greed, as told by the regretful Onceler.



**Recycle: A Handbook for Kids by Gail Gibbons:** This bright and enjoyable how-to book for kids focuses on five main aspects of recycling: paper, glass, aluminum cans, plastic and polystyrene. It's a beginner's guide that simply explains the importance of recycling as well as how to be a more environmentally aware citizen. Plus—it's printed on recycled paper!



**Green Mother Goose: Saving the World One Rhyme at a Time by David Davis and Jan Peck:** Your favorite nursery rhyme characters are here to help you green up your life. Join Old Mother Hubbard as she shops with cloth grocery bags and meet Hickety Pickety, the cage-free hen, in this fun twist on traditional Mother Goose. Complete with eco-friendly collages, this book is perfect for igniting and inspiring environmental awareness conversations that are appropriate and engaging for young children.



**I Can Save the Earth: One Little Monster Learns to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle by Allison Inches:** Part of the Little Green Earth series, Inches' book introduces children to the loveable monster Max—loveable to everyone except the environment! Max's excessive and wasteful usage of energy eventually causes a power outage, leaving him without some of the things he loves, like his TV! Join Max on his journey of eco-friendly discovery as he learns how to reduce, reuse and recycle and shares tips on how to help your kids become little green monsters.



**Michael Recycle by Ellie Bethel:** Superhero Michael Recycle will captivate young readers as he shares his mission and super power: teaching the world to recycle. With bright illustrations and a clever rhyme scheme, "Michael Recycle" is an instant favorite for kids and will have them joining the townspeople in cheering, "To Michael Recycle! The green-caped crusader, our super-green hero, the planet's new savior!"



**The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein:** The late, great children's poet Shel Silverstein touches on a variety of topics with a simply written and illustrated book about a boy who learns a hard lesson about the gift of giving. The child continues to ask and nature continues to give until there is nothing left. The unforgettable message of this book will continue to touch readers young and old, as it is and will continue to be relevant in several aspects of life.



**The Curious Garden by Peter Brown:** Brown's delicately illustrated story depicts Liam, a boy on a quest to save the Earth one garden at a time. Liam transforms a suffering garden into a stunning plot of land and begins to witness the amazing effect it has on the once-drab city he lives in. Join Liam as he discovers how one person can truly make a difference in the world.

