

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2020

Small World has been providing nurturing educational care to children for over 40 years. We encourage reasoning, respect and responsibility for children of all ages.

Instructional Corner

September is a very busy month at Small World. We welcomed many new families to our Small World community. Our classrooms created safe and welcoming environments to ease separation anxiety and support this new transition for many of our new families. We hope you and your family feel comfortable here at Small World.

Our students have been working hard at learning their classroom routines and structure. They are also doing a great job adjusting to the new health and safety protocols. They have been learning to eat, sleep, play, share, and learn at school! In order to help our students learn these new skills our teachers have been implementing different lessons on separation, going to school, playing with peers, and self-awareness.

We spend an ample amount of time getting to know each one of the students on an individual level. Some lessons throughout the classrooms have been focused on learning about these characteristics. Our teachers have been diligent about spending one on one time with each student to foster trusting relationships and create an understanding on how to care for each student.

We are very proud of our students for how well they have transitioned into the new school year! We want to thank all the families for working hard on supporting your student's success as well. We are looking forward to diving deeper into relationships and activities in the month of October.

Family Corner

Thank you to all the families that attended our September Parent Workshop - Transitioning to School!

Small World Staff strongly values partnering with families. Part of this partnership includes monthly Parent Workshops where we offer parenting education and support. We understand our families have busy schedules and we will do our best to ensure that if you are unable to attend some of the workshops, that you will still be able to receive information shared.

On October 8, 2020 @ 6:00PM St. Nick's Alliance is having a virtual benefit and 45th Anniversary Celebration to support the efforts in your community. Visit the link below to join the free virtual benefit and to donate.
<https://stnicksalliance.networkforgood.com/events/22367-st-nicks-alliance-virtual-benefit-and-45th-anniversary-celebration>

Family Fun

Get out with your family this Fall with activities that are open for in-person events. A great way to check out the Guggenheim Museum with your little ones at the Stroller Tour to keep tired little feet at bay.

The Bronx Zoo is having a Halloween themed event where your child can dress up (or not).

NYU is having a virtual Children's Halloween Parade. Check website for details

- **Stroller Tours at the Guggenheim**
1071 5th Avenue NY, NY
- <https://www.nyu.edu/community/nyu-in-nyc/halloween.html>
- **Bronx Zoo: BOO at the zoo**
2300 Southern Blvd. BX, NY

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- 10/12:** **ALL PROGRAMS CLOSED** – Columbus Day
- 10/14:** **Virtual Family Workshop** – Age-Specific Curriculum Information Session
- 10/15:** **Virtual Family Workshop** Curriculum Night with your child's teacher
- 10/22:** **Virtual Family Workshop** – Fostering Structure
- 10/30:** Halloween Class Celebrations

Pyramid Model

Our center is a play-based program. We get a lot of questions about why our students spend several hours a day engaged in play. The best way to explain it to adults is that play is a child's work. During play your child is building skills in all areas of development. Through play, children are learning how things work, how to use their bodies, how to solve problems, and how to get along with others. Play is an avenue through which children can express their emotions, build relationships with others, and master difficult experiences. Our teaching staff have been trained on how to facilitate development through play and intentionally structure their day and the classroom environment to foster development.

Families have the opportunity to set up an impactful play time at home. Here are three simple things to keep in mind when playing with your child.

1. Ask open ended questions.
2. Allow your child to lead the play.
3. Give your child opportunities to explore new materials and different environments.

ROOM 201: Ms. Monica, Ms. Danielle,
Ms. Zakia

Time for some fun! Our friends are getting to know each other and our centers!



ROOM 202: Mr. Michael, Ms. Fran, Ms.
Jamika

Our friends had a chance to explore their first week of circle time, center time, roof time, and did some finger painting!



ROOM 203: Ms. Annette, Ms.
Samantha, Ms. Jeannette

Room 203 friends enjoyed a beautiful day outside on our big roof. They were able to use their gross motor skills while going up the stairs and down the slide. They were able to do some climbing and ride tricycles!



ROOM 205: Ms. Maggie, Ms. Diana,
Ms. Antonia

Here one of our friends is ready for fun at Small World. Welcome all to our fabulous toddlers in 205!



ROOM 303: Ms. Mita, Ms. Maria,
Ms. Ines

It's ME! We are getting to know our classmates and making our very own self-portrait! It is so exciting getting meeting our new friends.



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ROOM 301: Ms. Yuliya, Ms. Nicole,
Ms. Johaidy

We explored playdough in sensory. We made shapes and even a playdough mold of ourselves!



ROOM 302: Ms. Diana, Ms. Jacxenie,
Ms. Joana

As students are getting adjusted to the classroom, they are beginning to become comfortable and show their awesome personality. Students were excited to have a new classroom pet and his name is ROGER. Students are making sure he's ok on a daily basis and feeding him as well. They are showing signs of being a responsible student!

