



Curriculum Corner

See how our students are celebrating Read Across America, learning about Leap Day, and ringing in the upcoming spring season!



Older toddlers at our Lansdale center celebrated Read Across America with a flashlight reading activity!



Students at our Collegeville center learned all about Leap Day!



At our Hatboro center, students played a spring math game where they hunted for eggs and discovered numbers!

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On February 19th, we held a day full of trainings for our teachers! These trainings ranged in topic, including content on math, sensory processing, purposeful play, emotional regulation, conflict resolution, science, and process art (which inspired our featured blog posts!). We also held a director's track, where our center leaders participated in trainings regarding leadership and management. We do not close our centers lightly, and we appreciate YOU for allowing us to make these 900 hours of training for all of our teachers possible!

Teacher Feature: Play & Learn, Hatboro

Jennifer Johnson

Jennifer Johnson has been with Play & Learn since 2011, but has had a passion for the early childhood field for much longer. She first knew that she wanted to pursue a career in this field at a young age when she started babysitting. She has been a kindergarten teacher's assistant, substitute teacher, and now works as an educator at Play & Learn, Hatboro.



Hatboro Teacher Jennifer Johnson

When asked what she finds most rewarding about the work she does, she answered, "I love working with children. They remind you of how amazing and exciting the world can be seeing things from their eyes. It truly is rewarding work." Jennifer's appreciation for the wonder that children bring to the world is inspiring and heartwarming.

Jennifer talked about her favorite part of the day, circle time. She loves reading the children new books and asking the "Question of the Day" which is part of the Creative Curriculum we use at Play & Learn. When talking about this part of circle time, she stated, "Kids really do say the darnedest things!"

Jennifer's years of experience in the field have taught her so much and when asked what she would say to new and aspiring teachers, she said, "My advice for new and aspiring teachers would be to make sure you have equal parts patience, discipline, and fun. Please remember to have fun! At the end of the day, they are just kids who are still learning how the world works." When asked how many lives she thinks she has touched throughout her career, she stated, "Way too many to count!" We agree! Jennifer's years of experience and outlook on early childhood make her a wonderful teacher, and we are lucky to have her here at Play & Learn!

CELEBRATING 35 years

Bernie Ross

Infant/Toddler Director

"My journey with Play and Learn is a journey of growth...past and present admin, directors, and staff molded me into the person that I am now. I basically grew up here at the Infant Toddler center. I have been given gifts of discovery and valuable insights while working with young children, families, and staff.



What keeps me here...is the love I have for children, the experience of diversity, shared commitment to children's well-being, and the chance to make an impact. There have been many times when I see a family outside of Play and Learn and they expressed how much of an impact I had on their child's upbringing. Play and Learn is a place where I am encouraged to have an open mindset to seek additional information, learn new ways of incorporating positive learning for children, and supports employees through many lifestyles. Working together with families to build successful relationships for all to balance a healthy life and work balance is a benefit I feel that sets Play and Learn apart from other childcare facilities.

My favorite part of working at Play and Learn is seeing the interactions between families, children, and staff. I cherish the strong relationships I have with families and staff. Like I mentioned, I grew up with Play and Learn, There were many paths to follow and I believe I chose the right one."



A Message from Kristi Bryson, Regional Director:

Ms. Bernie is a valued director and long time employee here at Play and Learn. She has a strong commitment to our organization and it shows through her compassion, resilience, and positive attitude. She fosters strong relationships with all of her teachers and encourages them to grow. She is friendly and supportive of all of their needs and those of the children and families. Bernie holds her head up high during challenging times and has a positive vision for the future.

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Friday, March 29th: CLOSED for holiday

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