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Montessori of Greenwich Bay is among the first in Rhode Island and the only program in East Greenwich to be recognized for its commitment to providing high-quality care and education by BrightStars- RI's new quality rating and improvement system for child care and early learning programs.



Lynne Way and Tammy Camillo at Starry, Starry Night

Under the direction of Lynne Way, Ms. Ed., Montessori of Greenwich Bay, along with twenty other programs across the state, gathered for Starry, Starry Night, an event celebrating and saluting the first group of child care centers, pre-school programs and family child care programs that have joined Bright-

Stars. More than 100 community leaders were in attendance including special guest RI Education Commissioner Deborah Gist.

“BrightStars raises the bar for early childhood programs in Rhode Island,” said Tammy Camillo, BrightStars Director. “Montessori of Greenwich Bay’s participation is a sign that they are a leader in a statewide effort to invest in high-quality early childhood care and education”. To participate in BrightStars, Montessori of Greenwich Bay

was assessed across many standards and criteria in six quality domains: 1) child’s daily experience, 2) teaching and learning, 3) staff-child ratio/group size, 4) family communication and engagement, 5) staff qualifications, and 6) program management.

About Montessori of Greenwich Bay

Montessori of Greenwich Bay is expanding their programs to a new, state of the art facility at 3285 South County trail in East Greenwich on February 1st. “As a mother of four and an educator for 14 years, I’ve always realized the value of exposing children to rich educational experiences as early as possible” said Director Lynne Way, Ms. Ed. “BrightStars provides countless ideas and great support to early childhood educators.” For parents, it offers access to information about what constitutes high quality care and education. Visit www.montessorigb.com for more information.

About BrightStars

The BrightStars quality rating and improvement system was developed by a team of local early childhood and school-age care professionals and is based on national research on what constitutes quality child care programs. BrightStars is managed by the Rhode Island Association for the Education of Young Children (RIAEYC), a non-profit organization and the state affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAYEC). Visit www.brightstars.org for more information.

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