

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS
PRESCHOOL
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Mark your Calendars!

May 2nd-6th Staff Appreciation Week

May 2nd Open house for prospective families 6:30 pm

May 6th Children's Night Out

May 9th Parent/Teacher conferences 4:00-6:30 pm

May 23rd Crozet/Forest Lakes Family Picnic SCHOOL CLOSS at 5:00 Picnic at 6:00 Location TBD

May 30th School Closed for Memorial Day

FROM THE FRONT DESK



Summer will be here before you know it! Reserve your spot today for summer camp Rising 1st graders-age 10.

If you are interested in Children's night out, please let us know so we can plan for teachers to be here to watch your little one.

Reminders:

We are growing and expanding here at Bright Beginnings. We are always looking for nurturing, high energy, dependable teachers. If you know someone who has a passion for teaching and is great with children this may be the job for them. Please see our front office for more details.

If you are in need of a new key, please let us know. We are sometimes in the classrooms assisting and can't always leave to answer to door.



Next Week is Teacher
Appreciation Week!

NEWS FROM THE BOOKEEPER

We have changed our software to Tuition Express for processing payments. If you have not filled out the paperwork please be sure to turn it in ASAP. Please be sure to fill out a change rate form if your child has had a birthday. Rates change when they turn 16 months, 2 years, 3 years and 4 years old. As stated in the contract you need to fill out a form which are located in the hallway cubby. You can also see the director for assistance. Thank you.

NEWS FROM THE ADMISSIONS

It's the last full school day of April and we are so excited to unveil our May curriculum! April has gone by so quickly and we have loved welcoming all of our new families and we continue to love our families that have been with us for a long time! Your support makes us who we are and we love you for being so supportive! Thank you for your great reviews!! For those of you who haven't given us reviews – please visit our Facebook page or give us a 5 Star review on Google!

Please take a moment to visit us on our Facebook page today! We post daily fun, curriculum, crafts and more!! Do you know someone looking for a great preschool program? Have them email their questions to our Director of Admissions, Lisa Fischer, at lisa@brightbeginningsva.com today! We're also still looking for quality infant teachers as well – let us know if you know someone!

Lisa Fischer

Director of Marketing and Admissions

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News for the Classrooms



Walrus room has been enjoying the wonderful weather outside! The children LOVE the buggy ride and being outside. We took them out as much as possible. The children are also getting great at being on a schedule. Caleb is now on the move and walking everywhere to explore! August loves to follow Caleb and Seth and explore with them! Henley is working on crawling along with Avery and Isla! Jacob crawls everywhere to see what his friends are up to. Juliet, Evie and Barrett are loving their surrounding and new friends!



This week the Kangaroos have been busy singing lots of songs like “ABC” and “If you’re happy and you know it”. We’ve been digging in sand with our hands and letting it slip through our fingers. We discussed the weather when it was raining and used our hands to make it “rain”. We rubbed our hands together and patted our thighs to make the sound. All the children really enjoyed making the rain.



We’re learning about Earth Day this week. We made the Earth with our hands, a collage out of things we found in nature, colored a star, a tree, and coloring a picture of the Earth. We discussed that our Earth rolls. Everyone loved being able to roll all over the floor. Our class took a nature walk and found all kinds of things to make a collage with. We learned some new songs this week “Happy Earth Day “and “Earth Day Song”. This week we will also continue counting and learning our days of the week. Miller and Rudy and LeAnn enjoy singing our new songs. Boden, Conner Braden loved going on our nature walk. William, Lucy and Nora enjoy doing our fun art projects.



This past week in the Pelican room, we are VERY EXCITED TO WELCOME Charlie Sowers to our class!
☺ ☺ ☺ Welcome, welcome!

The biggest highlight of our week was making chocolate pudding dirt cups! Delicious! The kids loved being able to crush up the Oreos, layer the cookies with Cool Whip and pudding, and put it together in their cups with gummy worms! ☺

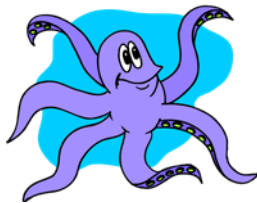
When we were exploring and playing outside of the playground, the children discovered caterpillars! They learned how to hold them and thought it was so funny watching them move! We talked about what they eat and where they live!

During circle time, the Pelicans are enjoying some of our newest additions from the library! We talked about good manners, sharing, and how/when to use our classroom power words!

In art, we got our hands in a ton of paint and glue making shape prints, hands on shapes, apple sailboats, and finger-painting! ☺

In practical living we are continuing to learn how to become confident, independent individuals! We are learning how to put on and zip our coats, washing our hands, cleaning up after ourselves after meals/activities, and so much more! This week, we will be focusing on our classroom power words and learning ways of which to express ourselves with our words!

-Ms. Carmen and Ms. Tiffany



This week has been über busy!!! We kicked off our week with giving a little more thanks to our Mother Earth by making bumblebees. We then moved on to music and made our very own shakers for music time. After all of that fun we focused on sailboats and made bath time sailboats (that actually float). With all the rain we've been having we made umbrellas to keep us nice and dry. After all of this awesome arts and craft we moved on to journals we talked about parts of a bumblebee, how rain clouds form and different musical instruments. Then we sat on the carpet to rest after all the work and read our new library books and learned new songs and even had silly time with Ms. Juanita. We have had a super fun filled week.



The Bunnies week was full of celebrations. We started the week celebrating friendship with our Roster and Peacock friends at our community meeting. It was lots of fun creating a story together. Tuesday we celebrated Skyelar's birthday and Friday we had a Potty Party. No Potty Party is complete without Pee and Poo so we had Oreos and Lemonade, thanks to Eowyn. Congratulations Eowyn!!

We worked really hard on holding the pencil correctly and writing our name. Some of us can spell our names. They really do put their best foot forward when it comes to their names.

For our Science project we made a rain gage. We placed it outside to catch the rain. We periodically would check to determine how much rain had fallen. We kept looking for purple rain, but it never happened. However Ms. Lori-Ann did play the song Purple Rain a lot this week. Our color was Purple and our vocabulary word was Precipitation. Can you think of a better song?

Art is a mystery for the next couple of weeks. All we will say is it Mommy's will be very happy, when the mystery is revealed. We are taking our time. They are bright, colorful and special.

Next week our focus will be.....D, 4. Red. Square and we are going to hang on to the vocabulary word Precipitation.



Happy Friday Peacock Families! We hope your week was wonderful. Thank goodness for some rain, hopefully it will help with the fire in SNP. Peacock friends learned about a fire and how much damage it can do. We looked at pictures of the fire and the damage it has caused. We also drew pictures for the fireman working hard to put out the fire. We are very appreciative of all their hard work.

This was a very special week in the Peacock room. This week, friends became scientist. WOW – AMAZING!! In language arts we are learning about letter Rr. Ryleigh and Reiley were very excited for this – their names start with Rr! Arden did a great job writing letter Rr. Benny was so excited to for his turn to write letter Rr! Isaac loved helping to read My R Book. Jadon couldn't believe all the words that start with letter Rr – there are tons! The greatest Rr word is **RAINBOW**!! We learned how rainbows are a reflection of the water after it rains. Mateo did a great job knowing the order of colors on a rainbow. James was excited to share the first color of the rainbow is **RED**! We made our very own rainbow for our classroom. All we needed were 6 plastic cups, 6 paper towels, water

and food coloring. Adam did not understand how we would make a rainbow with these ingredients. Hannah was excited to see what the outcome would be. Ainsley asked “why aren’t we making an orange, green, and purple cup”. Very good question Ainsley! Lyla knew that mixing some colors would make the missing colors. Tristan figured out how to make green. Muhammad knew that “ketchup and mustard” make orange. Graciela said that red and blue make purple. We had so much fun making our own rainbow. This craft was very simple. If you are interested in how to do it at home, just let us know! The best science project was making a RAINBOW volcano. It’s amazing what you can do with baking soda, vinegar and food coloring! Again, easy projects to do at home.

Since our playground is full of caterpillars, we discussed the life cycle of butterflies! Brynn loved talking about how much the caterpillar eats before he makes a cocoon (like The Very Hungry Caterpillar). Laila was very excited to begin working on the butterfly and caterpillar crafts! Logan and Kennedy did a great job sharing the glue while gluing their butterfly wings!

Hope you have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Summer and Ms. Miranda



This week in the Rooster room we studied Virginia! There is so much interesting history in Virginia that I just could not resist! First we learned the real story of Pocahontas and John Smith and heard about the lost colony of Roanoke, which remains a mystery to the present day! Next we learned about Colonial Virginians, focusing on George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. We read some awesome children’s non-fiction and historical fiction so that the class could learn more. This included my book, George Washington’s Teeth, back by popular demand (for some unknown reason)! This mini-unit on Virginia history has also taught me that my Roosters are a little preoccupied with death. Let me give you a few examples from some conversations in morning group:

Me: “and this is George Washington,” A Rooster “and he is dead, right?”

Me: “This is Monticello,” A Rooster “That’s where Thomas Jefferson died”

We also learned about Virginia’s various ecosystems, its state flower, bird, flag, and boat. We learned about Claudius Crozet and notable sites around the state. The children colored in a state map and a profile of Washington. They also chose an ecosystem of Virginia and drew it themselves. Many of them were taken by the wetlands of Assateague and Chincoteague with their wild ponies!

This week we also got started on our super-secret Mother's day presents and cards. We have been working very hard on them but that's all I'm going to say!

In language arts we worked on the compound sound SH. We went over a teacher created word list and discussed how two letters together can make a new sound. We also began sounding out simple words together as a class and discussed what it is to sound out. The Rooster's are getting so grown up!

And speaking of grown up, we said goodbye to our good friend Gabin who is going on vacation and then off for the summer. He is going to have so much fun but we will miss him!

I can't wait to see what Ms. Margaret has cooked up for us next week!

Sincerely,

Ms. Julia