

**BRIGHT BEGINNINGS**  
PRESCHOOL  
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## Mark your Calendars!

**Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**- Open house for prospective families/New family orientation

**Thursday/Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**- CLOSED for Spring break

**Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**- Spring Parent advisory meeting 5:00-6:00p



Spring is in the air and we are gearing up for gardening season. Our children here at Bright Beginnings love to help us dig, plant and water our garden.

We are looking for the following donations to help get our pizza garden started.

- Tomato plants
- Basil
- Parsley
- Oregano
- Thyme
- Peppers
- Mint
- Flowers
- Plants

## FROM THE FRONT DESK



### Reminders:

Our Annual Spring egg hunt was a huge success! Thank you to all of our families for donating filled eggs and other special treats to make this event so much fun for the children and the teachers!

Please be sure you are clocking your child in and out at the front desk. This is one of the many ways we keep track of who is in our building and what time they arrive and leave.

If your child is going to be absent on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>, please email Taylor or write it down on the clip board located next to the time clock. This is Spring break week and it would be helpful to know ahead time if anyone will be out on

vacation. Remember we are CLOSED on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> for Spring Break.

If you have a school ager that will need to drop in April 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, please let us

know. We would love to see their smiling faces!

Have you met Ms. Ruth and Ms. Brittnei?! Our school is growing and we are adding some new friendly faces to our staff. Both of them come to us with lots of experience. Ms. Ruth will be helping out a few afternoons a week with our Pelican class. Ms. Brittnei will be working in our Hippo room alongside Ms. Dawn. To learn about our fabulous staff, please see our staff Bio board

located in the hallway next to the bunny classroom.

Our spring parent advisory meeting is coming up on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, please let Taylor know ahead of time if you will be attending.

For safety reasons it is very important that every parent use their key card. If you have lost yours and would like to purchase a new one please see Taylor in the front office.

## NEWS FROM THE ADMISSIONS DESK

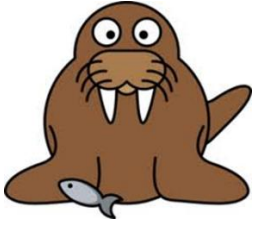
We are excited to say HELLO to April with our brand new curriculum. If you have a friend that is looking for a preschool please send them our way – they'll get a FREE WEEK and you'll get \$100 credit! Time is running out, so act now!

Are you ready for Spring Break? We are so thrilled to offer Spring Break drop-in days for our current families and alumni! Let us know if you'd like to drop

in during Spring Break week, we'll be open April 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> and drop in days are \$80 per day for grades K-4. Call our school today to sign up! We only have 20 spaces available so sign up if you are interested!

Our Facebook page is growing by leaps and bounds – our website is continually updated AND we even have a fantastic blog page! We are sharing recipes, crafts, science fun, fine motor ideas, parenting

tips and MORE! We strive to have open communication with you and to always be there filled with creativity for you and your family. Whether at school or at home you can count on Bright Beginnings Preschool!



Hello Walrus Families!

Here we are jumping right into spring. What a great start it has been! The walrus class has had fun exploring new things, inside and outside the classroom. Spring offers a whole new world for our little Walrus friends. With the windows opened and being outside more, we hear the birds chirping and of course hearing the train can be very exciting!!

We sat down and let the older ones explore painting with a paint brush. We like to touch the bristles. They can tickle and feel soft. Friends thought it was funny to try and catch the bristles as we moved them around the table. We have also been working on them using/playing with spoons.

The infants love to just go outside and play either on the blanket or in the buggy. There are so many fun and exciting things to find and look at outside. The wind blows and makes us laugh

and takes our breath away sometimes as well! If it was up to our infant Walrus friends, we would be outside all day.

We hope you all enjoyed the week as much as we did and enjoy the weekend even more.

The walrus class



We spent the week listening to the noises of the great outdoors! We love listening to the birds talk and sing. We did a little bird singing as well. During our outside times, we love looking for the birds. Norah was excited when she looked up and saw some birds flying over the playground. Everyone joined, pointing their fingers at them.

Friends spent some time trying to cut out squares to make Tile Mosaics with several different colors. Andrew, Tucker and Gabriela had fun learning

different placement patterns.

Our Nursery Rhymes and Mother Goose this month are Little Bo Peep and Humpty Dumpty. Juliet, Finn and Quinn had so much fun using puppets for our puppet show.

Everyone enjoyed the Spring Egg Hunt. Indie, Torrence, Caleb and Lucy laughed when they found an egg. They would place the egg in the basket, move to another part of the playground and try to hide the egg all over again.

Don't forget to check cubbies daily for day notes, art work and such. With the weather warming up, don't forget to check the extra clothes and change them out to clothes for warmer weather.

Have a great holiday weekend. See you on Monday!

Love,

Ms. Sue and Ms. Nancy



Dear friends,

This week we are having fun indoors and out - blowing bubbles, floating our sailboats, making butterflies, and making the sounds of the rain. Hopefully the rain will stay in our music, and the sun will shine on our playtime!

Last week, I hope you had the opportunity to meet Ms. Brittni. Ms. Brittni is joining our team, and will often be in the hippo room. She has already become a beloved member of our class family!

The children are growing so fast. They love the song the Eensy Weensy Spider, which gives them the chance to participate using their developing fine motor skills. While children this age typically do not sing on pitch, you may even hear snippets of recognizable melody when you sing with your child. We are always learning and singing new finger plays. Be sure to ask if you aren't sure exactly what the song is your Hippo is singing. And if you had a favorite finger play as a child, please share it with us.

The Hippos are ready to leap, sail and fly into spring!

Ms. Dawn



Hey Pelican Family and Friends!

We've been so thrilled to learn about the new month April!

For our Fine Motor this week we did a lot of sorting. We are excelling with recognizing our colors and shapes. During our shape sort, we were able to sort all of our shapes, even if they were different sizes! We later sorted those shapes by color and shape, which was a bit of a challenge at first, but we soon got the hang of it!

Practical Living included talking about growing plants...did you know that April showers bring May flowers?! Well, we learned that, too! We also have learned how to care for babies, and every day this week we have helped our babies when they are sad,

hungry, sleepy or just wanted to sit and read our books with us!

Speaking of books, we really liked reading Flower Garden. We love pointing out the different color flowers we see, and we also began learning some of the names of those flowers. We thought the name "tulip" was very funny!

For Gross Motor we played a fun game of hide-n-seek. It was hard to keep from laughing when our friends were trying to find us! We also did hoop jumping on a hula-hoop obstacle course, which was very fun because we pretended that we were bunnies hopping around!

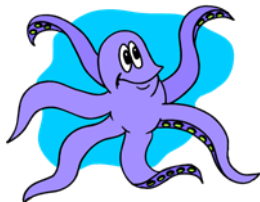
We created more artwork to add to our Spring mural in the hallway. Have you seen our tree? Just like the trees that lost their leaves in the winter, we now have leaves on our tree because of the change of the season! We also made sheep using cotton balls and our favorite wiggly eyes!

We couldn't forget about our amazing Spring Egg Hunt we had! It was like a new game of hide-n-seek!

Thank you mom and dad for bringing us eggs filled with treats! You made our egg hunt fun and possible!

With Lots of Love,

The Pelicans!



Hello again dear Octopus families!

We were so glad to see all our friends on Monday and had a great start of the week by tossing and playing our big gym balls! The friends had so much fun rolling over and bouncing on them. The girls enjoyed sitting on them while looking at the window and talking. After we were done playing everyone did such a great job passing me the balls to put them away. Also for gross motor we played Can't Catch M! But this time friends had to crawl when chasing each other. It was a lot of fun!

For art we kept working on different Easter projects. We designed baskets full of eggs, made cute bunnies, decorated boiled eggs and

worked on some bubble art this week.

For practical living we practiced waiting in line before washing hands or leaving the classroom and I have to tell you that my friends do a fabulous job staying in line before going outside! They love to say our rhyme first and then walk out one by one without running or pushing – it makes me feel happy every time when they do it!

And, of course, the Egg Hunt was so much fun! Everyone was so excited to run and look for eggs on our playground.

We had a wonderful week and wish everybody Happy Easter and a great weekend!

Ms. Anna



Happy Friday everyone! We had another great week here in the Bunny Room! I hope everyone is ready to enjoy their weekend after our great Egg Hunt! Thanks to everyone who

attended and helped us make it fun for the kids!

This week we began wrapping up our alphabet review. The kids were hard at work on their journaling. Many of our friends have come a long way in their pencil holding abilities and tracing skills, while others continue to hone their fine motor skills. All of them are so interested in learning a new letter or color or skill. I am so proud of their want to learn, as I'm sure you are as parents and guardians. I am constantly impressed by what they can do on their own just given the opportunity.

We also did some sensory play this week. We sorted, counted and measured (and played with) our rainbow water beads, which are always a favorite. We also made watermelon sensory bags for the letter "W". The kids were so excited to take these home. As always I hope you all have a great weekend and for our friends who celebrate Easter, have a happy and safe holiday weekend! Also, don't forget that Bright Beginnings Summer Camp for school agers begins soon! Please

sign up if your older siblings are interested! Love, Ms. Heather and The Bunnies



Happy Easter Week  
Peacock Parents!

We hope you are having a great week, as we are!!! This is the week before the Easter Bunny comes. With all the excitement of Easter, friends are busy doing Spring and Easter Crafts. We began the week painting with sponge shaped eggs! Using some pastel blue and pastel pink, your Peacock was able to stamp paint with the sponge. Each friend enjoyed this! They love using different items to paint with! Friends took the words Easter Bunny and came up with a list of words that start with each letter. This was a great learning activity because it focused on letter sounds and how we use the sounds of letters to make words! Our list is hanging in our room, come check it out! Friends also spent some time this week working on tracing lines and word-to-

picture matching. Both of these help friends to keep their focus on the task at hand, listen and follow directions, and to take their time. Often friends forget to slow down, doing work is not a race. Be sure to practice that at home as well.

Just a few reminders:

-County schools are closed for Spring Break next week.

-We will be closed Thursday, April 9th and Friday, April 10th for Spring Break.

-If your child will not be here Monday - Wednesday, April 6th - 8th, please sign the sheet at the time clock.

-If you haven't already, please take a look at your child's extra change of clothes. We still are experiencing cool days; some cool mornings and warm afternoons.

-Monday's please send in a crib sheet and small blanket for your child's week of nap.

-Your child has a day note in their folder each day. Often there is art work or other correspondents. Check the folder at pick up each ay.

-Fridays are for Book Show and Tell.

Have a great week!

Love,

Mrs. Summer and your Peacocks



The year is flying by and we are in April already! It is hard to believe my class will be graduating soon then the hazy crazy days of summer will be upon us! We have been and are working hard (with lots of play and silliness) to prepare for Kindergarten. The children are all very excited about going to "big" school and I know they will all shine!

This week we are studying the letter Uu, celebrating Easter, and Spring.

Math-We looked at volume and used our water table to measure with measuring cups. This is a great introduction to fractions!

We are also still counting to 100, doing our daily calendar, and patterning with numbers.

Science-With gardening season upon us, we are looking at plants and trees and their growth from seed to tree or seed to tomato. Our pizza garden is in the works and with the warmer weather we can use Grandma's Cottage as our base of gardening exploration! Our letter of the week science is Universe!

Language Arts-Our Ready Reader this week was "Up" in keeping with our letter of the week! We did our Uu list and focused on uppercase letters. Our journals are being quickly filled, filled with letters and stickers and our Journal Chart looks amazing! Please remember that Friday is Book Show and Tell! We love sharing our favorite books!

Children's Humanities-We focused on the USA for our Uu week subject with puzzles, maps, and discussions about the different areas of the

country and why they are all slightly different depending on who settled there first. Our puzzle with all the colored states sure makes Geography fun and who doesn't love puzzles?

Next week on to the letter Vv with volcanos! We can hardly wait!

Have a lovely weekend and holiday!

Ms Margaret, Ms Julia, and the Rockin' Roosters