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Mark your Calendars!

Friday, August 14th- Closed for Staff Training and Development

Monday, August 17th- Peach picking field trip for Roosters and Peacocks

Monday, August 17th- Pot luck picnic on playground 6:00p

Monday, August 24th- fall semester begins

Monday, August 31st- Parent Advisory Meeting 5:30-6:30p

FROM THE FRONT DESK



Reminders:

Don't forget that we will be closed tomorrow for staff training.

A huge Thank you to the parents who were able to help today for our school age field trip.

The next field trip will be on Monday for the Rooster and Peacocks. We are still in need of drivers for this trip. If you are interested in going please see the sign-up sheet on

Back to School Pot Luck Picnic



Come meet the teachers, mingle with fellow parents, and let the kids play!

On Monday August 17 we will be having a Back to School Picnic! Look for our sign-up sheets on the classroom doors soon!

Take this opportunity to get to know your school community and meet the parents and children in your new fall classrooms!

your child's door or email Taylor. We will depart the school at 9:45a and will return by 12:00p.

The parent advisory meeting that was scheduled for Monday, August 24th has been rescheduled for Monday, August 31st at 5:30. Please email Taylor if you are interested in attending. We love to see new faces.

The fall school year is upon us and fall move-up is underway. If you have any questions about what classroom your child will be in for the fall, please see Taylor.

We said good-bye to Ms. Ruth today. It was so wonderful having her here for the summer and we will miss her. Ms. Carmen one of our toddler teachers will be joining the Pelican room on Monday. Ms. Carmen has spent the last few weeks getting to know your child in the Pelican room and is very excited to start the fall school year with them.

Our school is growing and over the next few weeks we will welcome a few new teachers. Please look for letters to go home in your child's cubby next week

introducing our new additions.

We will also be welcoming back Ms. Nancy, our Kangaroo teacher. She has spent her summer in the Ukraine with her family but is very excited to be getting back to her Kangaroos.

For safety reasons please DO NOT leave your vehicle running in the parking lot while picking up or dropping off.

Please be sure your child has an extra change of clothes in their cubby at all times.

NEWS FROM THE ADMISSIONS DESK

Happy Friday! I hope that you enjoy our first newsletter of August! We are thrilled to announce that we have decided to extend our July promotion throughout the month of August. We had such a great response in July and are thrilled for your referrals and are happy to welcome new families to Bright Beginnings this

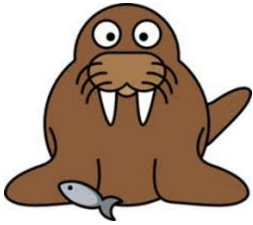
month! Our August curriculum is so fabulous and we cannot wait to share it with you daily! Don't forget to post our curriculum page on your refrigerator at home so you know what's happening at Bright Beginnings!

Is your little one about to head off to elementary school? We are so proud of them! If you have a moment, please send us a great testimonial to share on our website! Do you have a great review?

Review us on Yelp, Google and our Facebook page. Thank you for being such a wonderful part of our Bright Beginnings family! Check your email and stay

tuned for some exciting contests and fun in August!! Admissions questions? Email Lisa Fischer, our Director of Admissions at lisa@brightbeginningsva.com today!

News for the Classrooms



Hello Walrus Parents!

This week we have gained another Walrus friend. Please welcome Caleb to our group!!

Our friends are adjusting to the texture of paint now and we love to finger paint. They are enjoying the slippery texture between their fingers. We have tried to work with the primary colors. We use our primary color pictures to match our toys.

Our older friends enjoy dancing and have some great dance moves! they start out bouncing and wiggling around. with the

cozy weather we have tried to get the children to acknowledge it and sing rain songs on rainy days and sing sunshine songs on sunny days.

We are still missing a few pictures for our wall. Our wall decorations are almost complete, so don't forget the pictures!!

Have a great weekend! See you on Monday.

Ms. Shannon and Ms. Gudrun



This week's theme in the Kangaroo room is sea life - from crab walking to making a lake filled with frogs, dragonflies, and lily pads! We will be getting our hands wet by making our own oceans in a bag and making S is for Seashells. The Roos love arts and crafts!

The kids will know first hand how to dress up like fishermen, race like crabs, and how to fish in dramatic play. We're digging for

shells on a shell hunt and then we'll paint the ones we find! We're reading about pirates in our stories Pirate Pete and How I Became a Pirate and singing Row, Row, Row Your Boat! ARGH! The Roos are learning how to order things from big to small through our Big/little fish craft as well as our blocks and toys during circle time. Sometimes all of the fun can be too much for us little ones, so, we'll play "Hide in Our Shells" just like little crabs! Animal yoga can be fun and relaxing all at the same time!

Every day we practice good manners. This week's lessons are taking turns and cleaning up after our selves after each meal. Sharing can be hard at times but we are becoming little pros with all of the toys we play with. We are continuing with washing the table, sitting at the table, and pushing in our chairs. Make sure you are doing these things at home with your little Roo.

Have a wonderful weekend! See you on Monday!

Kangaroo Class



Hello Hippo Families!

This week the Hippo class is exploring the ocean. We are walking like crabs (which everyone LOVES), swimming like fish and flying like birds. We are painting shells and stars, and putting seashells into groups and sequences. We love playing hide and seek shells. We loved having shells for our sensory table as well. It is amazing how long their attention span is when playing in a container of shells!! We loved our sprinkler and bike days. We are sad they are over and are looking forward to what Fall has planned for us.

We welcomed 2 new friends this week. Gabriel, 15 months and Miller, 13 months. We look forward to getting to know them better!! Welcome Gabriel and Miller!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ms. Dawn



Hello Pelican Families!

This was a short week but, boy, did we pack in some of fun!

For our fine motor activities we ordered many different items from large to small, played matching games - especially with colors, threaded pasta to make beautiful necklaces, and continued our play doh fun because we like using it so much! We played with puzzles, made a sand starfish picture, and free painted just because it's really fun to put paint and paintbrush to paper.

Our gross motor activities had us collecting and pouring water in buckets and bins during sprinkler days, peddling fast and slow with our strong legs during bike days, playing our "Freeze!" game to music, and jumping, hopping, twirling, tumbling and "rowing"

during toddler gymnastics. We bounced and threw balls - big and small, and practiced using our "walking feet" to travel up and down the length of our classroom.

Working on our practical living skills, we spent lots of time going over our manners, setting the table, sharing and taking turns, learning how to be a good friend, and talking about what makes each of us special. Speaking of special friends, we'd like to welcome Robert to our class and to Bright Beginnings. Robert started full time with us this week and he's fit right in. Welcome Robert!

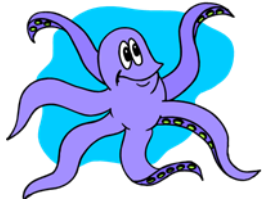
Ms. Carmen also spent a good deal of time in our class this week. She'll be our new teacher starting Monday and she's been doing an awesome job getting to know those of us who she hasn't already taught as well as learning the ins and outs of our Pelican routine.

Thank you again to each Pelican family for all your kindness and for allowing me to get to know and

work with your children. It has been a privilege!

Love,

Mrs. Ruth and the Pelicans



Hello Octopus families! This week the Octopus class started off with playing our favorite games outside. The friends love to hold each other hands and walk in different directions around our playground pretending to be a train or a big caterpillar. While holding each other hands, we made a big circle, adding friends and taking away friends making it bigger or smaller. We also used our circle to make different movements like stomping feet and clapping hands as a group. Another day we had fun playing hide-n-seek and Simon Says.

For practical living the friends learned to take turns while playing in the kitchen. We really enjoyed some new dress-up clothes!

We are learning to share and take turns. We reviewed power words, especially please and thank you and worked hard cleaning our table and chairs!

At art time the Octopi explored primary colors by painting sea shells, made the letter S from colored sand and created crabs using handprints.

The Octopi really enjoyed the story time this week. We had some new books for our classroom and it happened so that most of them were about bears. Our favorite ones were "Little Bear's Visit" and "Father Bear Comes Home".

We had a very nice week in our classroom and really enjoyed each other's company! As we begin the transition into the fall curriculum, I will miss my Octopi friends who are moving to the Bunny class so much, but can't wait to see what their year has planned for them. I am looking forward to working with my new Octopi friends from the Pelican room!

I hope you have a great and relaxing weekend and see you all on Monday!

Ms. Anna



Happy Friday Bunny Parents!

We had a great week this week as we prepared for back to school. It is crazy to think that the summer is now over and school starts soon. This week for reading we read some back to school classics like "First Day Jitters" and "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom". For writing this week we not only practiced writing our name but our friend's name as well! During our social skills portion of our day we discussed safe water play and what the lifeguard want you to know. The children had so much fun this week during their bike and sprinkler days. I know they will sad when it comes to an end. However, we are looking forward to this new school year to see what it has in store for us.

Hope you all have an amazing weekend!

Love,

Ms. Karry



Happy last week of summer!! Starting Monday, August 24th we begin our Fall Curriculum. YEA!!! I hope you are ready for your Peacock to begin learning!! I can't wait to share all the wonderful things we will learn at our training.

We have enjoyed our time in the sprinkler and our bike rides. Our days were fun and we hate to see it end. We used our imaginations, went exploring, became scientist, went to the beach, caught lighting bugs, and much more. Now we are ready to begin our fall curriculum and start learning! We are excited to see what our year has in store for us.

Cubbies are made and new friends are starting to get settled. Our classroom rules will be established soon. Journaling will be starting. Writing, counting, letter sounds, are just a few things we will be learning.

Starting Monday the 17th, there will be no more sprinkler and bike days. We discovered how to make homemade paint. Who wouldn't love to squish flour, water and salt in a bag?!?!?!?! It is a great sensory craft as well. We found out what happens when you mix different colors together. We are all amazed!!

We welcomed a new friend to our room this week, Jane. She is a little shy but is starting to open up and make good friends.

Have a wonderful weekend. See you on Monday!

Mrs. Summer



The excitement grows in our class as the rising Kindergarteners look forward to attending the "big school" and maybe even riding the school bus! The rising Pre-K class has started transition into the Rooster Room where you will find their cubbies, folders for Day Notes and artwork, and extra clothes. Please check your child's day note to see if anything is needed in their extra clothes bag (which is kept under the science table in a large bin fyi). Spills occasionally happen on a level where clean shirt or shorts is very welcome even though we try to avoid that happening. As the Roosters say, "We all spill sometimes"!

As this is the last week of summer session with fall classes beginning next week, we took a moment to look back at all the fun we had this summer.

In Group we talked about the vacations we took, the family and friends we visited, and telling our stories to each other. We read old favorite stories and sharing new ones we have discovered this

summer and sang all our favorite songs old and new! The children are loving learning the Montessori ABC song using the letter sounds instead of the letter names. This one song is amazingly useful in early reading as it allows the child to easily learn the sound of each letter and sound out simple words (or even harder more complex ones!).

For Science we took a look the three stages of water-liquid, solid, and gas. We talked about what ice is and made colored ice to be used in an art project later in the week. We talked about temperature-how it is measured and what we use to do that. We also did an experiment melting ice to see where it melted fastest and discussed why we got the results we did.

Math was yummy! We counted ice cream scoops, sorted ice cream scoops, and patterned ice cream scoops. We had a look at our numbers of scoops and talked about less and more than and on Thursday (this week's Friday) we did Marshmallow Math using the lessons we

learned...sorting, patterning, and counting.

In Children's Humanities we continued with our vacation theme by finding our vacation spots on a map and telling our summer story which we put on an LEA chart to share with everyone!

Art was full of color and fun! We made beautiful watercolor paintings, drew ice pictures with the colored ice we made in science, and crafted tissue paper ice cream cones! Thursday was what we call crazy art day where we get out just about every art material we have along with glue sticks just to see what we can create! It is amazing what the children come up with. They have fantastic imaginations!

Outdoors we had Sprinkler Days and Bike Days which everyone loves! We visited Grandma's Cottage and went for a Nature Walk as well as using our playground for trike riding, chalk art, hopscotch, swinging, and games!

I would like to thank all our parents for our free Friday. It is so important to get together with all the other teachers and professionals in our community to refresh, learn, and train new things we can take back to our children.

Enjoy the long weeked!

Ms. Margaret and the Rolicking Roosters