

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS
PRESCHOOL
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Mark your Calendars!

Happy Valentine's Day!!!

Thursday, February 19th- Staff Appreciation Day~ *Fiesta Diva*

Wednesday, February 18th – Guest Speaker- Dentist Dr. Cook 11:00. 3's-Pre-K only

Friday, February 27th- Bake off

Tuesday, February 23rd- Guest speaker- Pediatrician Dr. Grice at 10:30



Bake Off

Friday, Feb 27th

This month we will be having our annual Bake Off here at Bright Beginnings! There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners that will receive a prize for their tasty contribution. The dessert will be judged by the teachers during their lunch break and then will be shared with the children for afternoon snack. Please label your dish with your first and last name so that we can return it to you.

Remember: no peanuts, please!!

FROM THE FRONT DESK



Welcome the Hughes family and the Welch family to Bright Beginning's.

Attention Parents:

As you know it is always our priority to go above and beyond licensing standards. Therefore, most

of our faculty are currently CPR and First Aid certified. We are in the process of scheduling a class to ensure that each member of our Aide. These certifications will become the new requirement for current and future staff members. Staff will now be qualified

to administer CPR and First Aide.

Reminders:

Don't forget to turn your engines off when dropping off and picking up. We understand that its super

cold—but the SAFETY of our children comes first!

Please remember to bring a sheet and blanket for your child if they are here for nap. They will be sent home on Friday's to be washed and should return on Monday mornings.

Remember to bring winter coats, hats and gloves for outdoor playtime.

Tax Time

Bright Beginnings Tax ID is 54-1529854.

NEWS FROM THE ADMISSIONS DESK

We're sweet on our families! Happy early Valentine's Day from the admissions desk! We are so happy that our Facebook page has been a huge success! Our "likes" keep growing and growing and we have YOU to thank for that! We appreciate when you "like" our page and pictures as well as making comments too. We hope that you enjoy your Valentine's Day weekend! Don't forget to have grandparents like our page too - it's so fun for them to see their sweeties busy at school!

Our February curriculum has been so exciting this month and has already included a visit from Smokey the Bear! It's dental

health month too so make sure to ask about our dentist guest speaker! We want to make sure to get all of that Valentine's candy cleaned off. We love guest speakers and think it's so fun when members of our wonderful community give their time to share with us here at Bright Beginnings Preschool.

We are just about to draw the winner of our big screen television! If you referred a family to us or you paid your registration fee from January 1st through now - we're entering you into the drawing! We are so excited and cannot wait to see who the winner is! We are locally owned - for the past 30 years and we grow from

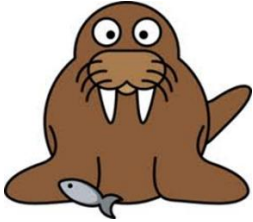
your word of mouth and referrals! We are so proud of our program and love when you tell your friends about us! Don't forget that you also get a \$100 credit too!

If you have a friend thinking about enrollment don't hesitate to have them call Lisa, our Director of Admissions at 434-973-8414.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Insufficient Fund Fee and Policy: Any check written to Bright Beginnings that is returned for insufficient funds will be assessed a service charge of \$50. It is expected that the unpaid tuition is remitted

immediately along with the insufficient fund fee. Any family that has more than one check returned will be required to permanently pay by credit card or money order.



Hello Friends

This week has been hard for us to get outside. We are doing art using plastic balls. The kids pick them up and bang them on the paper and roll it around. They love to see the paint splat and make different colors. For curriculum we did drop in the box, beach ball fun, and shape, colors, and textures. As you can see we are working on our fine motor skills. We are also working on gross motor skills with every child individually. We hope you all have a great weekend! See you back on Monday

Love,

The walrus class



In honor of Valentine's Day we are learning how to be sweet to our friends. We have been working really hard to make special cards for our parents.

We enjoyed many fun activities this week such as jumping jacks. Sam, Tucker and Raegan can really jump up off their feet. We also enjoyed placing balls in the parachute bouncing them up high. Torrence, Finn and Lucy love going under the parachute and letting the balls fall on top of them.

While talking about the weather this week we pretended that we were the wind and would say "whoosh whoosh here comes the wind" while dancing all around us.

In art this week we painted with the colors red and pink. Andrew and Norah loved just rubbing it all over the paper .

Everyone really enjoyed tracing their shadows with chalk. We let everyone lay down and on a large sheet of paper and we traced their bodies with chalk . Gaberila did a great job trying to tell us where her eyes and nose we would go.

With a little water and a container we let them bath the doll babies and dress them up for bed. Our sweet little toddlers love playing house. We even pretended to make phone calls to our parents to wish them a happy Valentine's day!

Have a great weekend and nice Valentine's Day!



Dear friends,

The hippo room is all heart this week for Valentine's Day! We are making art in every shade of pink and red, learning where our hearts are, and celebrating with a big party on Friday!

We always show our loving friendship by using gentle hands, and taking turns with toys. Padmae has shown her friends how to give hugs, and Emma is always quick to comfort anyone who is sad.

Our hippos are learning skills that are important for school routines. Robert and Caleb enjoy circle time, and show their enthusiasm by sitting in their places on the rug. Brooklyn is very independent at the table. All the children are getting accustomed to lining up at the door when we go outside. Our happy hippo family is always ready for fun!

We would like to welcome a new friend to our Hippo this week. Welcome Mollie, we are so excited you joined our family!

Ms. Dawn



It's Valentine's Day Week!

The Pelicans have been so excited about preparing for our big party, all week long!

Our Art lessons involved painting with red and pink, making heart collages and our super-secret Valentine's Day presents for Mom and Dad-- don't open them until Valentine's Day(:

For practical living, we practiced sorting by color with our favorite pompom game, answering the phone (and calling our parents), and we ended with a how-to on baking cookies!

We read our new favorite collection of books this week, too. Out of the many that are in the big book, we loved *Put Me in the Zoo* and *Are You My Mother?* the most. We loved how silly the characters were, and we could not stop laughing at the dog with the polka dots all over him!

For gross motor, we practiced catching balls, doing jumping jacks and we played with a parachute, and had such a great time trying to keep the balls from falling off the

parachute as we lifted and shook it!

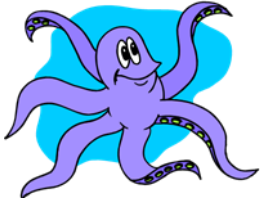
Fine motor was fun, too. Our favorite thing we did this week was chasing our shadows with chalk – it was hard at first, but with the help of our friends, we were able to trace our shadows! We also learned about Dr. Daniel Hale Williams and how he worked with hearts. We were able to find our own hearts and learned the beating sound that they make, too.

Every morning during our morning meeting, we reminded Ms. Ari that it was February, and that on Valentine's Day we get candy! It was so great to have both healthy snacks and Valentine's candy! Thank you Mom and Dad for making our party a great success! You're the best!

Have a Happy Valentine's Day and even sweeter weekend!

XOXO,

The Pelicans



Hello again Octopus families! Here are this week news from our classroom. This week we focused on counting during our morning meetings and other activities. We counted friends, birds on our bulletin board, our feet and read some counting books. The Octopi reviewed F for the name of the month by making it using torn paper. For practical living we chased our shadows and tried to trace them with chalk. It didn't work very well for us but we sure had a lot of fun doing that! We also pretended to bake cookies and used cookie cutters and paint for that, dressed our babies and, of course, had a wonderful party time - but this time no pretending, everything was for real! This week we had "heart time" instead of art time. All our projects were devoted to Valentine's Day. We created some heart art works and also worked on our Valentine's Day cards

for mommies and daddies. Hope you enjoyed them! Thank you all for bringing all the yummy food for the party! We always have great parties in our classroom and this time wasn't an exception! We had so much fun! Happy Valentine's Day to you all and see you on Monday! Have a wonderful weekend!

Ms. Anna



This week we took a break from our review to celebrate Valentine's Day! We talked about the meaning of the day and how to treat our friends and family with love and respect throughout the whole year not just during this special season. We read stories of friends who use team work to make their Valentine's Day special and used hearts to make patterns where we used out forward thinking to decide what comes next. In

science, we dyed water beads and watched them grow, grow, grow! Then we used them in our water table to have some sensory fun. We made lots of decorations. All our activities lead up to our big end of week Valentine's Day Party! Needless to say it was a great week here yet again in the bunny room.

We also welcomed some new friends to the bunny room! Kennedy and James have been doing some excellent work with us and are great additions to our class. We are so lucky to have them.

As always, I hope everyone has a great weekend and stays safe. Please be sure to share this special day with some very special people and remember what it is all about!

Love, Ms Heather and the Bunnies



Good Afternoon Peacock Families!

I hope you are enjoying your week. Your Peacock is having a great week for sure.

Friends are working hard on letter sounds and recognition. To show off their great listening skills, Peacocks cut, sorted and glued pictures and matched them to the correct beginning letter sound. For example: apple starts with A! Instead of gluing on construction paper, friends used their journals for this. Journals are not only for writing letters and numbers; journal can be used for any and everything.

Since we have learned numbers 1, 2 and 3, its time to work on number 4. This is an especially fun number because several of our friends are now 4yrs old. It's amazing to see how friends make connections in their brains and share ideas with the group. For instance - friends realized to make a #4, you draw a capital L with a long line down the side. WOW GREAT JOB PEACOCK FRIENDS!!!

Of course, we had to start the week off talking about Groundhog Day. Thank you for the homework cooperation. They were so excited to have homework, especially when they come back to share their findings. Friends made a graph to see whether Punxasutawney Phil would see his shadow. 9 friends thought he would and 3 friends, including Mrs. Summer, thought it would be an early spring. We hope that since it is 6 more weeks of winter, we will have some snow to play in!!

We want to give a BIG THANK YOU to Maggie's mommy for that awesome groundhog snack on Monday!! We love our parents and their thoughtful ideas!!!

Have a great week and weekend!

Love,

Mrs. Summer and your Peacock



Happy Valentine's Day!

This week the Roosters are all about hearts and love and the letter Qq!

Art was a fun mix of Q-tip painting, queen crowns, a class quilt, and, of course, valentines.

Math celebrated the number 100 with a study of money. 100 pennies = 1 dollar being our goal which we did in increments starting with nickels then dimes and so forth. For our Friday math we worked on a Valentine printout and sorted candy hearts. We worked some reading in here by sounding out the messages on each heart! Yum! What a sweet way to learn.

For science we looked at quakes. We studied what an earthquake is, what causes them to occur, and where they happen and the results both on land in in

the ocean. This class always loves looking at over the top natural occurrences and can hardly wait for V is for volcano!

Language Arts was a challenge with the letter Qq. We did our Q list looking carefully at each word and discovering Q is always followed by U giving this letter a unique sound. Our ABC song sung with the letter sounds vs. the letter names is coming along very nicely. The children especially love starting out softly and slowly and then speeding up and getting faster and louder with each repetition! I have to admit I do too. Any learning ending in laughter is amazing! We worked hard on our Journals and the children have gotten so good with this we usually are all finished by Wednesday which gives the children who have finished some free time later in the week. This is a great life lesson in not procrastinating and the benefits of finishing work that was started. In keeping with our letter of the week we talked about question

marks and on Friday played a silly question game in Group. Naturally, we did our Ready Readers and read lots of stories about things starting with Q. Many thanks to the ladies at the Crozet Library for your help in locating enough of these to fill our week nicely!

Children's Humanities was all about cards...crafting a card with a specific person in mind, writing our cards, giving cards and the importance of showing our friends we think they are important to us, how to gracefully accept a card and ending up filling our Valentine box with cards to and from all of us to each other!

Friday we had our Valentine Party and many thanks to our wonderful parents for signing up and bringing treats both sweet and healthy to help us celebrate Valentine's Day.

I hope each and every one has a Valentine's Day as wonderful as ours was. I know you all have the best

valentine to share it with as you share them with me every day! Thank you!

Ms Margaret