

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS
PRESCHOOL
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Mark your Calendars!

Monday, February 1st, 8th, 29th - Open house for prospective families 6:30 pm.

Friday, February 12th- Valentines party (children only)

Monday, February 15th -Public Schools closed School Ageds and Morning Preschoolers can drop in. Early bird school age summer camp registration opens.

Tuesday, February 16th- Grandparents day 10am. Please **RSVP** so we have a head count.

Thursday, February 25th- Staff appreciation day

FROM THE FRONT DESK



February is here and we are growing! We have welcomed one new child; Juliet Robertson has joined our Walrus room.

Summer will be here before you know it! Reserve your spot today for summer camp ages 3-10.

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



**Staff Appreciation
Day is February 25th
Please be sure to see
our sign-up list near
the sign in computer.**

passion for teaching and is great with children this may be the job for them. Please see our front office for more details.

NEWS FROM THE BOOKEEPER

If you need a tax statement, please let us know.

NEWS FROM THE ADMISSIONS

It is going to feel like Spring this weekend here in Charlottesville! We are so excited to see the sunshine and are thrilled to have our babies take their buggy rides, have our kids explore the nature trails and explore our active curriculum outdoors! Have you read through our February curriculum yet? Do you have it posted on your fridge? Keep up with us – take a look at all of the fun curriculum ideas that we have incorporated for your children this month! Thank you to all of our wonderful parents who have sent in their testimonials! We love to share them with our staff and we hope that you are enjoying that coffee card! Don't forget that we love your positive words and great reviews – if you send us a testimonial we're just giving you a coffee card to say "thank you!" We have had such a great increase in tours through referrals – keep sending your friends, neighbors and co-workers and we'll keep giving you \$100 off for our referral credit! That's \$100 of for just spreading the word about Bright Beginnings!

Thank you for always supporting our program and our team! Send your testimonials to Lisa – our Admissions Director at lisa@brightbeginningsva.com today! Thanks so much!

Lisa Fischer

News for the Classrooms



Hello parents,

The walrus' would like to welcome Juliet Robertson to our class. We have had much fun playing inside and going on buggy rides. We have done our

weekly curriculum but on top of that we have done some fun activities such as blowing bubbles. The kids loved blowing bubbles at the table and watching them pop or pop the bubbles themselves. We hope everyone has a fantastic weekend.

The walrus class



We were excited to get back to school on Tuesday from all the snow and ice ready to enjoy being with our friends. We are learning how to count on our fingers up to ten some of my friends can hold the numbers up and some

couldn't but we will keep on practicing until we get it right. We made animal stamps so that we can mail a letter to our parents to show how much we love them! Fiona, Deacon Caitlin didn't know what to pick out so I chose one for them. I allowed them to use markers to write or draw what every they wanted to make it special. We were shooting balls into a basket for basketball. Eli, Erik , and Charlie had so much fun they tried sitting in the basket while the other child would throw the ball on top of them. Thanks to all of the grandparents for coming to Grandparents day we love having you! Also thanks to Charlie's grandparents for bringing us a book for our class. We made a tape collage with different color tape. Gaberial Ceila didn't like for it sticking to the hands. We had a great week.



Helloagain from theHippo room. This week was a little shorter because of the snow fall. Did you enjoy the time playing outside?

We sure love the snow! In school we enjoyed doing more artwork with hearts. We also made all of our parents a special delivery package. We had so much fun, so please make sure to grab it from our cubbies. We are learning about the post office so we put a stamp on the front of your package. As always we enjoyed playing outside, a lot. We love going outside. We often ask to go out by shouting "outside". We are also learning about up and down, under and over. We crawled through a tunnel and over a bow. We had so much fun. Next week we will be focusing on our emotions and also making music. Have a great weekend!

-The Hippo Room



I am ABSOLUTEY astounded by the progress the Pelicans continue to make with the way they express themselves! ☺ Every day, they are heard using our power words and letting each other know how they are feeling –

"Please, stop! I don't like when you..."

"Thank you!"

"No thank you!"

I even heard several of the kids tell each other –

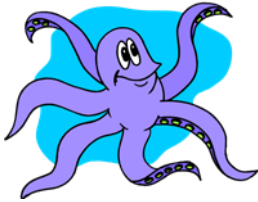
"Bless you!" and "Thank you, [classmate name]," when someone sneezed!

They are opening up SO much since we started our questions of the day! Once the discussion opens up, they even started bringing up the topics during our stories! My mind was blown. They continue to blossom in front of my eyes! Their manners at the table during meals and activities are PHENOMENAL. I am SO proud of them! ☺

To get ready for our Valentine's Day celebration, they spent the week making hearts, animal hearts, a finger paint banner, and so much more! They have been busy little bees! Then we had our big celebration on Friday! Thank you to the families for bringing in the delicious food! The children had a blast! On Monday, we will be passing out our Valentine's Day treats!

All in all, we had one of the best weeks yet! Happy Valentine's Day to all of my Pelicans, families, and to everyone in the school!

-Ms. Carmen



This just in!!! The Octopi have had a Funtastic week this week. We have been focusing heavily on valentines day and preparing for our many festivities to celebrate. With the help of ms. Lauren we finished our love mobiles and made a track to put them on. We also glued together our own heart envelopes for our valentines. We also painted a heart banner. We then kept our hands clean and did no mess painting which is hanging on our wall of heart. Then we read Amelia Bedelia's first valentines day. We have also continued to practice our spanish this week so be sure to say hola to the kiddos when you pass them. As we drew closer to our parties we decorated our valentines mailboxes. Finally the day of our party we made cookies and chocolate dipped pretzels. Then we sat down

for our social time and passed our our valentines to our friends.



Every week is so much fun in the Bunny Class. This week was full of visitors. We started the week with Bonnie and reading her journal about her time with Bryce. Bryce kept her very busy most importantly she came back happy and well take care of. Hearing all her exciting adventures she reading to go home with Madeline and see what fun she would have. We all gave her some love and sent her on her way.

Speaking of LOVE we had a great time with our Grandparents that visited us on Wednesday for Grandparent's Day. We read a special story with them, but the most fun was painting their hand for the craft we did.

On Friday we finished out the week with another visitor. Dentist Urrestsi came. He shared with us why we

shouldn't eat candy and drink sodas. He taught us how the brush our teeth. Anticipating his we made our own artwork of a tooth made out of cotton. We got to choose of we wanted to give our tooth a cavity or not.

Special Notes from Ms. Lori-Ann...

Every Wednesday we will wear the color of the week.

Limit Stuff in cubbies due to increased class size.

Both teachers and children work really hard on Art projects please take home their beautiful work. Clean out Art folders weekly.

We are working on a family wall in the Bunny Room. Please send in Family Photos with names of individuals in the photo. Family photos give the students a since of community.

Next week we will be focusing on the color Blue ,Rhombus, the letter W and the number 8.



Happy Friday Peacock Families!

This week started off kinda crazy!! The snow and ice are finally going away and the temperatures are getting warmer. Yea for being able to spend some time outside!!

We spent this week getting ready for Grandparents Day. We enjoyed making a fun card for our grandparents. Friends had lots of fun having their hands painted, not only with one color but with 4 colors!! After our handprints were dry, we glued our poem on our funny poem!

Friends learned about Andy Warhol this week. The Peacocks learned he was a famous artist, with very crazy hair! He created Pop Art, which we learned is art that pops out from the paper. To get a better understanding of Pop Art, friends created their own pop art using hand print art! We had so much fun having our hands painted several times. Our Pop Art

Handprints look amazing!
We will have them hanging in the hallway!

Peacock friends are getting great at recognizing their names and their friends names. Friends spent some time this week writing their name in their journal. Friends also took some time to write their numbers 1-6. Practice makes perfect!!

Have a wonderful weekend!
Enjoy the warm weather!!

Mrs. Summer and Ms. Miranda



Despite our short week due to weather, this week was full of "R" activities! We introduced a new vocabulary unit and the Roosters had a lot of fun with words like "repulsive" and "reek". We had a few special activities like a visit from Dr. Urresti, a dentist and Bright Beginnings parent! We also had Grandparents day! Thank

you so much to all of our special visitors.

We learned about radar, reptiles, recycling, rhyme, reggae, and responsibilities. We also made rainy day art, red rectangle robots, root art, and a class rainbow. Ontop of it all we had time for a dance party and some outdoor exploring!

See you next week. We are hoping for a super special Ss week!

Miss Julia & Ms. Margaret