

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



We hope everyone enjoyed our first snow storm! We hope everyone was safe and stayed warm!

FROM THE FRONT DESK



January has been a busy month here at Bright Beginnings! We have had new staff join our family and new children enroll! February is around the corner and we are getting ready for some special events! Check your calendars for children Valentine's Day parties and Grandparents day! Keep your eye out for sign-up sheets for your child's class. It's Winter time and the kids love to go outside. We make every effort to try to take the kids out even if it's for a brief time. Please be sure your child dresses for the weather. Mittens would be great as the kids love to play with the snow that we have now!

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.

NEWS FROM THE BOOKEEPER

If you need a tax statement, please let us know. Also the re-registration fee is due by Monday, February 1, 2016 for those that it applies to.

News for the Classrooms



Hello parents,

Here is a recap of what the walrus class did this week. We put paint in ziplock baggies and the kids loved keeping clean and watching the colors mix together. They also really enjoyed when we sat them at the table and played with bubbles. This month for sign language we are working on cold, ice, fish and water. We have read a multiple selection of books as we always do. Also, since they all seem to like when we do puppet play we have really taken advantage of that. We hope everyone enjoyed their week. See you all Monday.

Shannon, Amanda & Rachel



Welcome Celia and Gable to the Kangaroo room hope you will enjoy being with us. Let's start off by learning everyone's name by singing the name game. Tell me did you go out and play in the snow? Was it cold or hot? We brought some snow inside and let them put some paint to give it color. Fiona, Gable, Eli and Tessa said it was too cold to roll out. We walked up and down the ladder to build the muscles in our legs. We turned the boat upside down to walk on; Charlie, Caitlyn, Deacon, and Erik had the best time seeing who could go up the steps first.

Playing school with our friends is fun! Teaching them how to hold a pencil to scribble over the paper and to read a book while talking about the pictures was fun too! Some knew some of pictures and made silly faces. Teaching them all about Happy faces, sad faces, angry faces, and crying faces they would all look at me like what is she talking about? So I got a book with the pictures and showed them. Blowing up balloons and dipping them in paint then letting it fall onto the paper with different colors was fun! Some tried throwing them in the air with the paint on splashing it everywhere.

We drew a Penguin and placed the children's foot on with black paint; some would giggle while placing the paint on. We cut out pictures of food and glues them on paper so we could have a cooking show!



Hello from the Hippo Room. Did you have fun with your little ones in the snow? We all had so much fun this week playing with the snow. We made footprints in the snow. We all loved it so much. We really enjoyed picking up the snow and watching it fall back down to the ground. We took a tree branch a painted with it for art. We loved reading Rainbow Fish together during our morning meeting. We are also continuing to count to ten and also sing our ABC's together. Some of us have gotten really great at doing both! We are working on sign language. This week we did cold and ice. We are also learning about the different emotions we all feel at times. Next week we will begin doing things for Valentine's Day. Enjoy your weekend!

-The Hippo Class



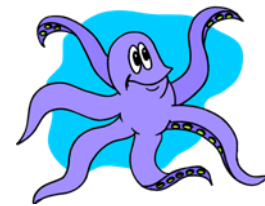
This week in the Pelican room, we stayed warm in the classroom while gearing up for the snow we had over the weekend. We hope everyone stayed safe and warm inside from the cold! ☺

The Pelicans had a great week with one another! Many of the new Pelicans are learning the ways of a bigger, more active classroom. They continue to do well with their transition. The older Pelicans have done well with welcoming their new classmates as well as being role models for the newer students, such as showing them how to clean up after themselves or play on the big carpet while waiting for meals. ☺

We all worked very hard on expressing our feelings and continue to learn new phrases to use. As a sneak peek for the next few weeks, we will be learning about our feelings and new ways to express ourselves through new literature (new books to come in the next few weeks), circle time activities, and more! This is a perfect time for the

children to learn about their emotions!

The highlights of our week include our new activities in Morning Meetings and in art! We have been working hard on learning our colors, numbers, object/animal recognition, and our names! We used our new magic pointer to name the colors on the bulletin board and have learned to take turns to find the colors! The Pelicans have been listening to new books that they seem to really enjoy! In art, we have started making name crafts along with the other crafts (sponge/stamp painting, sorting bags, wet/dry sensory, name plates, etc)! We are starting to learn the letters in our names. ☺



This week in the Octopus room we had many visitors! We had some of our Pelican friends visit us this week for activities. We also enjoyed having Ms. Chasity and Ms. Lauren with us hooray! To start off we enjoyed having French toast bake for snack. After getting our bellies full we put on our science goggles and made snow clouds with

shaving cream. We then retreated to our special places for circle time and learned more about counting from Ms. Chasity. We then put on our smocks and painted starry nights. We gathered at the window to watch the first flakes of snowfall! The week has been short but full of fun and exciting things!



Ms. Lori-Ann and all the Bunnies were very excited to return to school. First thing we had to do upon our return was Congratulate Liam. Liam Maupin was the winner of our Snow Prediction Contest. All our Bunnies did an amazing job.

We met Bonnie, our classroom mascot. She is a big, fluffy, grey Bunny. Each Bunny gets to take her home for 2 weeks. We do fun things with her, take her to our favorite restaurants, and read her our favorite books take pictures of all of this, and then write about it in Bonnie's journal. When she returns to the class,

we will read about her great adventures with each child.

We had so much snow to play in outside it only motivated us to do our snow projects inside. It not only took motivation but it took a lot of patience to make our Q-Tip Snowflakes. It was worth the work, they are beautiful. From a beautiful craft to a special craft, own "Love Never Melts" handprint is sure to be kept for years to come.

Our Science experiment was really fun. We got to make our own Snow Globes. We got to choose what color water, glitter and beads we wanted to add. The Science part was the elements we put in the bottle of water did float magically until we add glue to the water. Adding the glue thicken the water and made the elements move slower.

We played indoor snow games like Pin the Nose on the Snowman, The Mitten and we had an indoor snowball fight. Of course we didn't get to have our snowball fight until we talked about snowball fight safety. It was a lot of fun.

We continue build our vocabulary wall with the

words prediction, meteorologist, Author, expression and the prefix tri. All the Bunnies are enjoying our Mitten Book in Ms Lori-Ann's library.

The Bunnies are working really hard at putting on our coats all by ourselves. Please have patience when we want to practice at home. Ms. Lori-Ann has promised us a *PARTY* when every Bunny in the class can do it for one whole week.

Remember Friday's Show and Tale items must coincide with one of the following for next week.

Letter: W

Number: 6

Shape: Rectangle

Color: White



Happy 1st Snow week of the season!! We hope everyone enjoyed their 4 day weekend and had tons of fun playing in the snow!! It was nice starting off our week having a

community meeting
discussing what each friend
did in the snow!!!

With this being a short week,
we tried to cram a lot into the
time we had. We were able to
get some stuff complete but
none the less we had tons of
fun!! We spent some time
outside, exploring snow and
even bringing some snow
inside to play with. Of course
it didn't last long before it
melted. We added some food
coloring and got frozen hands
playing!!

For Language Arts, we are
learning about the letter Jj!
We enjoyed working on this
letter because J for
Jellybean!!!! We decorated J
with jellybean finger prints –
fun! Even though the ground
is covered with snow and it's
cold outside, we made jelly
fish!! While making our jelly
fish, we imagined being on
the beach and playing in the
sand!!

For Math, we began playing
with toothpicks! We used our
creative imagination to
explore the endless
possibilities with toothpicks.
We created houses, people,
trees, farms!! Pull out some
toothpicks at home and see
what your Peacock can
create!!

Germs are everywhere!
Hopefully this snow will get
rid of most of the germs. For
us to get a complete
understanding of germs and
the harm they cause, we
became scientists again and
created fake snot! Gross we
know but it was very
educational. We are
remembering to use "germ
pockets" for coughs and
sneezes. We are remembering
to wash hands; you could
never wash your hands
enough. Make sure your
Peacock is using their "germ
pocket" and washing hands at
home. If you aren't sure of a
"germ pocket" ask your
Peacock, they will show you!!!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Summer and Ms.
Miranda



Welcome back Rooster
families and welcome to Oo
week!

This week we worked on
capital and lower case O as
our letter of the week. We had
a blast with art, math and
science!

Math- We did our calendar
each day. We celebrated the
letter Oo by counting from
One to One hundred, paying
special attention to our teens
and multiples of ten. We also
started a new part of math
that deals with place holders
and naturally we chose the
one's place as it is not only the
logical place to start, but it
begins with Oo!

Science- We had such fun this
week! We had an animal of
the day and learned all about
orcas, otters, owls, ostriches
and octopi! On Wednesday
we learned about oceans. We
talked about what lives in the
oceans, why they are so
important to all of us, and
looked at a map that showed
the oceans of the world and
where they are.

Language Arts- We sang our
ABC song to help us learn the
letter sounds so we can sound
out words. We worked on our
Oo list of words and everyone
came up with at least one and
sometimes more than one
word to add to it. We did our
Oo pages in our journals and
had fun with our Ready
Reader of the week. We read
lots of books with Oo words
in the titles which everyone
enjoys. Who doesn't love a
good book?!? We also began a

unit on opposites and made lists each day in Group. The Group leader would give a word and the children would raise their hands to tell me the opposite of that word. Fun!

Children's Humanities- This week we talked about the art of listening. We talked about how important it is not only to listen but to appear to be listening. We talked about listening in class and how that possibly differed from listening at home. We talked about listening to our friends and peers and how that might differ from listening to a teacher or parent or other adult and why that might be so. We played a listening game because it is super fun and funny and highlights how improper listening can cause us to hear incorrectly. Humor is a wonderful teacher!

Art- For art we did a wide variety of projects! We did an orca connect the dot then color (notice me sneaking in a little math here), we learned to make origami jumping frogs one day and dolls another, we made paper plate owls and decorated them and they were adorable! We worked on drawing ocean animals and gluing them into fishbowls and we, as always,

had open art at one table during all center times with lots of options like cutting, gluing, markers, crayons, chalk, and collage materials.

Outdoors was our theme for playground time! (YES! We got in another Oo word here). We also visited Grandma's Cottage with our bird projects and information and made pretend binoculars and bird feeders which we will hang from the trees when we can get to them!

All in all it was a wonderful week in the Rooster Room! Have a great weekend and we will see you all next week for the letter Pp!

Ms. Margaret, Ms. Julia, and the Roosters