

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS
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Mark your Calendars!

Friday, July 3rd- Closed for 4th of July

Thursday, August 6th – Staff Appreciation Day~
Farmer's Market Salad Bar

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



*We hope
everyone has
a safe and
Happy 4th of
July!!*

FROM THE FRONT DESK



Reminders:

We are currently missing an orange chaps polo shirt around a size 3 or 4T. It is missing from the peacock room and it is possible that it may have accidentally gone home with the wrong child

on sprinkler day earlier this week. Please, let me know if you find it.

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

Sprinkler days are on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please remember to bring your child in sunscreen and a swim suit. You will also need to send a change of clothes and a beach towel.

Bikes days will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays for ages 2 and up. Please be sure to leave your child's bike or riding toy on the patio with their name on it. They will need to be picked up at the end of the day.

For Safety reasons please do NOT leave your car running in the parking lot. I know that as the summer months are approaching it is easy to leave your car running so that it will stay cool for your little one but this is just not safe.

Attention Bunny parents:

Last week we had a bag with a boy's swimsuit, towel and shoes come up missing. It was hanging on

a coat hook in the classroom and we think it might have accidently got picked up by the wrong family. We are asking everyone to please double check your child's swim wear. The child's name was on the tag of both the swimsuit and towel. Please let us know if it is found.

NEWS FROM THE ADMISSIONS DESK

We're starting this month of with our favorite promotion of the year! \$600 OFF TUITION!! If you are thinking of enrolling for the fall semester - wait no longer! Have a friend looking for a great preschool for their infant through pre-kindergartener? Send them our way? We're giving you \$100 off your tuition for the first 6 months if you sign up this month! That's a HUGE savings just for being part of our family!

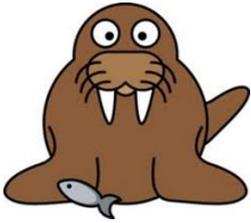
Let us know if you have any questions about enrollment or if you want to register by phone! Email Lisa, our Director of Admissions and Marketing at lisa@brightbeginningsva.com today!

It's hot outside but our curriculum is hotter! Did you get your July curriculum calendar? Don't forget to put it on your

refrigerator at home to discuss the day with your child! Soon - all 3 schools will have Tadpoles virtual day notes! We're so excited!

Thank you for all of your great reviews on Yelp, Google, Facebook, etc. Please continue to review us - we are locally owned and operated since 1984 and pride ourselves on being YOUR favorite preschool!

News for the Classrooms



We would all like to welcome Boden G. to the Walrus Class. We are all so happy to have him.

This week our Walrus' made watermelons with finger paint seeds. We also made Rainbow fish. The babies really enjoyed the fish because we took their shirts off so they not painted the paper but their belly's and table as well!! For sensory, we put ice in the water table outside. The kids absolutely loved playing outside with this!

We are practicing sitting down and having circle time with the older babies. Once they move to the Hippo room with Ms. Dawn, they will be participating in circle time every morning. During our circle time, we sing songs, do finger plays, read books and look a flash cards.

The children are loving time with the beach balls and soft balls. They want to play with those all the time. They get behind the beach ball and push it around. For our crawlers, they "head-butt" the ball all around the room!! It is very entertaining to watch them play with the balls!!!

Have a wonderful 4th of July weekend. See everyone on Monday!

Ms. Shannon and Ms. Gudrun



With this being a short week, we didn't let it stop us from having so much fun! We spent a lot of time outside at the beginning of the week since the weather was so cool. While we were outside, we used paint brushes and water to paint the concrete pad. We were amazed how quickly the water dried! Some friends were walking around saying "water gone bye-bye". While we were

painting outside, we compared the size of our paint brushes. The big paint brushes left big lines. The small paint brushes left small lines. We played a game while painting called "what kind of line will it leave?" and we would guess big or small.

Another activity outside we enjoyed was using the parachute to bounce the balls on. We had fun shaking our arms to make the balls jump higher and higher. Some balls fell off the parachute and we would laugh and laugh!

For Practical living, we loved playing with our babies. A lot of our friends have new babies at home, or new babies coming soon so this was a great activity. We learned how to make a baby bed out of blocks and pillows. We took our baby on a walk in the stroller, after we learned to make sure baby is buckled in first.

Have a wonderful and safe July 4th weekend. Enjoy the fireworks and see you on Monday!

Ms. Sue



Dear Friends,

This week the Hippo's are taking care of our babies. We are dressing and feeding them, and taking them for a walk in the stroller. This is great practice as some of our friends are going to be a big brother or big sister soon.

As children reach 1, they begin imitating adults, putting on a hat, stirring a bowl, or wiping the table. And have a blast doing it. As they get closer to 2, they like to pretend that a doll is a baby, they can cook on a toy stove.... Becoming little mom's and dad's.

The children in our class are all at various stages in this development process and it is wonderful to see their imaginations bloom!

Have a wonderful and safe July 4th weekend! See everyone on Monday!

Ms. Dawn and Miss Brittni



Hello Pelican Families!

With the 4th of July fast approaching our art theme this week was all about Independence Day and the patriotic Red, White, and Blue (with a couple of finger print bugs thrown in for fun). We love anything that has to do with painting, especially if we get to use our fingers, hands and feet as the tools to deliver paint to paper! The fact that we had a theme made it even more special.

Our practical living activities had us dressing up, taking care of babies and taking our babies for walks in strollers. We also spent more detailed time talking about why we wash our hands, learning how to wash our hands well, and then saying good-bye to the germs as they traveled down the drain with the bubbles.

For gross motor play, along with our very popular sprinkler and bike days, we

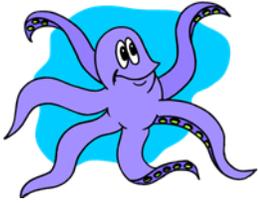
had fun bean bag bowling. Well, actually, this was our fancy name for tossing bean bags at stacked cans to knock them down. Then we restacked the cans and did this over and over and over again! (When you're two it's fun to just be allowed to knock things down.) We did toddler gymnastics, danced to music and played "Magic Surprise" by pulling a long string of colored hankies out of a closed container. We were surprised and amazed almost every time!

To work on our fine motor skills we wrote our names in sand and made comparisons by arranging different objects from large to small. Some of us also strung cheerios or pasta on string to make beautiful necklaces (other Pelicans decided not to make necklaces and just ate the cheerios instead!).

We hope everyone had a great week and has a safe and joyful 4th of July holiday! We look forward to seeing you on Monday!

Love,

Mrs. Ruth and the Pelicans



Hello octopus families. Another great week had flown by in our classroom. It was a short but fun week! The octopi have done a lot of fun things!! On Monday everyone playing a new game - Follow the rope! We fixed a long rope in different directions on the floor and had fun walking by it. It was our quietest gross motor activity ever!! And all the friends really loved it. For practical living the friends painted with water on concrete, arranged objects from big to small using our foam shapes, we dressed up for dancing to some new songs. We played a parachute game outside. Some friends thought it was more fun to hide under the parachute instead of waving it.

All our art projects were devoted to July 4th. The friends enjoyed stamping blue, red and white stars with play dough cutters, created sparkly fireworks using paint and glitter and

made flags using our handprints.

On Wednesday we really loved stringing wooden beads. We made a necklace and took turns wearing it all morning long. The friends also played animal hospital, pretending to be a vet, and gave lots of bandaides to our toy dinosaurs.

We had a great week and hope you have a wonderful holiday weekend. Enjoy watching the fireworks.

Ms. Anna



Happy Friday families. We have continued learning about the solar system this week and we focused on planet mercury. Since it is the first planet in the line up. We discussed how mercury is the closet planet to the sun and we also discussed it's temperature during the day vs. at night.

For writing this week we worked on writing vocabulary words regarding mercury. We read some really cools books that helped us to learn more about mercury. While learning about mercury we noticed that the planet had few similarities with the moon so we made a diagram to compare the two! For math this week, we worked on our number recognition and one to one correspondence. The children are really doing an awesome job counting objects and recognizing their numbers! We can't wait to see what the month of July has in store for us!

Hope you have a great holiday weekend.

Mrs. Karry



Happy Independence Day
Peacock Families!

The Peacock friends have spent the last two weeks learning about July 4th,

Independence Day. It's amazing how much they can learn in a short amount of time. We finished our glitter fireworks and flag hand prints; they are hanging in the hall. Our red, white and blue star necklaces are ready and we enjoy wearing them.

Friends spent some time this week learning about firework safety. Fireworks are beautiful and fun but can be dangerous. Adults are the only ones allowed to play with fireworks. Even with the hand held sparklers, always use caution and be with an adult.

We had a new friend join us this week, Ryleigh!! She has fit right in our Peacock group. She is quiet, but funny. Be sure to say Hi when you see her!

Have a wonderful and safe July 4th Holiday. See you all on Monday!

Mrs. Summer



Happy 4th of July!

The Roosters had a LOT of fun this week with our holiday theme! We love red, white, and blue and eagles and picnics and fireworks...especially fireworks!

Our individual flags and sprinkle fireworks are in the hall so check them out!

For math this week we concentrated on the number 13 for the 13 original colonies and the number 50 for the 50 states. We counted. We used addition. We used subtraction. And we had fun with math!

Science this week was all about our bird friends. We learned about our national bird, the Bald Eagle, talked about all the different birds that represent our 50 states and finally read up on the Virginia state bird which is one of my personal favorites...the cardinal! For Project Green we talked about what birds need, bird conservation, and how we can help our feathered friends.

In language arts we talked about the first settlers and

how and why they came to this country. We talked about why they wanted to break with England and create the United States of America and some of the incidents that lead up to the war for independence such as the Boston Tea Party. We skated over the war years only including the most basic facts and raced straight to The 4th of July!

We created the most adorable Bald Eagle paper bag puppets with handprint wings in art! We really enjoy a good puppet! We also did a group art project over the course of several days which was making the American flag with handprint stripes! It is as big as one of our tables!

Outdoor activities were Sprinkler Day and Bike Day as well as our early morning run around and wake up time as many of you know from drop off on the playground. This works beautifully as it gets the wiggles out before we begin our curriculum and we get a good outside time in before it starts getting hot!

Hoping everyone has a fun
and safe holiday! Have a
wonderful long weekend!

Ms. Margaret and the
Rooster Class

School-Age Summer Campers

This week's theme was
America the Beautiful. We
started off the week
decorating the room with
our flag paintings and
glittered stars! We then
made our Uncle Sam hats
that even had a beard
attached!! The kids loving
laughing at one another as
they wore their hats for the
rest of the day. Later in the
week we made red play
dough, pin wheels and flag
wind catchers! And
Thursday, we finished the
week by tye-dying which
was everyone's favorite!
Next week is sports and
splash week and I have
some fun things planned!

Have a great July 4th
weekend! See everyone on
Monday!

Ms. Rachael