



Crozet News: July 29, 2016

News from the Front Desk



Hello amazing Bright Beginnings families! We have had an amazing week as we are seeing the last days of July, so crazy how the summer has passed us by! Just a reminder that we will be closed August 12th for staff training so that we can all be the most prepared for the new school year! We are so looking forward to the fall with you all and we will have the calendar for 2016-2017 to you all sometime next week! Thank you all for your help and support in our administration transition and we want you to have a wonderful, happy and safe weekend! ☺

News from the Admissions Desk:



Today is the last day to receive our \$600 off tuition promo! If you enroll before August 1st we're giving you \$600 off tuition! That's \$100 off for the first 6 months if you enroll five days, full time! We don't want you to miss out so call today!



Mark Your Calendars:

August 1st: Open House

August 12th: Closed for Staff Training



Starting August 1st, please be ready to welcome some new families and also some of our returning teacher families! We are so happy that you all have joined with us here at Bright Beginnings Preschool! We are still buzzing about our Daily Progress WIN! Did you see it? I mean – 5 complete wins including Best Daycare, Best Preschool, Best Small Business, Best Place to Work AND Best Long Standing Business. We couldn't be prouder! Thank you for voting for us!

Admissions questions? Email Lisa, our Admissions Director at lisa@brightbeginningsva.com today!

Lisa Fischer, Director of Marketing and Admissions

News from the Classrooms

Walrus News



We welcomed our new friends Caroline and Savannah Morgan to the Walrus room this week! We are getting ready to say goodbye to our dear older friends, Pippin, Brogan, and Charlie in a couple of weeks as they head to the Hippo room! Our older guys are working on walking, using our play structures and gate to guide them around the room! Our younger friends (including our new additions) are enjoying time in the swings as well as working a little bit on tummy time! Please remember that we are closed August 12th for staff training!

Hippo News



This week's theme was Water! Everyone loves to play in water. This week we learned that fun things about water. We use water for washing. We gave the baby doll a bath to show how to wash. Snow is frozen water. We played in Cool Whip to represent Snow. All the children were messy and had an amazing time playing in the cool whip. We also poured water in different sized cups. The hippos just love playing in water. I'm so glad that they enjoyed the fun activities this week. Everyone have a wonderful weekend.

Ms.Niki

Kangaroo News



Hello Kangaroo families! Ms. Mckenzie here, and I am so happy to announce that we have opened our Kangaroo room this week! We have welcomed our friends Addy, Connor, Leann, William, and Mollie! We have all enjoyed our time getting to know our new room and routine! In the coming weeks we will say goodbye to Connor and Leann as they venture to the Pelican room and will welcome new friends in! Please come to me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the operation of the Kangaroo room!

Ms. Mckenzie



Pelican News



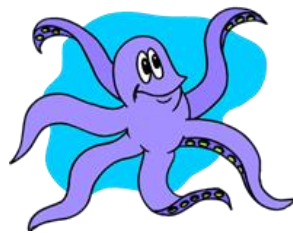
This week the Pelicans talked about the Sun ... And we definitely felt the heat from it this week, but looks as if next week will be HOTTER! We made our own little Sunshine, Fingerprint Bugs on Yellow paper and then Glitter Balloons with Yellow string! We played musical chairs along with learning more shapes and found objects around the room to match those shapes. We really do have some very smart and helpful Pelicans in our class! They sure do keep me on my toes!

We also welcomed Ms. Hannah into our class this week. She has been a wonderful addition to our delightful class. She has been teaching the class new songs during circle time!

We hope you and your families have a wonderful weekend! Keep cool, I hear it's going to be a HOT ONE!

Ms. Chanel

Octopus News



This week in the Octopus room we were all about the peaches. On Monday, we talked about peach orchards and all the different fruits you can find at an orchard. Then we painted peach trees that you see in the orchards. On Tuesday, we talked about the color peach and we learned about mixing colors and the difference between primary and secondary colors. On Wednesday, we circled back around to summer since peaches grow in the summer time. we talked about all the activities that we enjoy in the summer. On Thursday we talked about gardening and what it takes to grow peaches. Friday, we had a fun day and made homemade peach upside down cake. That's all for this week, have a great weekend!! Ms. Dee & Ms. Amanda

Bunny News



Last week we traveled to the Moon, so this week we traveled the opposite direction. Our letter of the week was N. So we went deep into to the sea where Nemo lives. Nemo is orange and begins with the letter N.

Both of our Art projects were creations of the deep blue sea. We painted our feet and counted gold fish crackers. Two different projects with different focuses of learning helped us with Gross Motor Skills and Math.

Since Nemo has a best friend we took a portion of the week to focus on friendship. We had discussions on what makes a good friend and what doesn't. We also read several books on friendship; our favorite was Bear and Bird.

Science was a double learning experience. Ms. Lori-Ann brought a cool fish aquarium with a Nemo in it. There was no water in the aquarium, but because there were magnets in the container it looked like Nemo was swimming. Our second Science lesson was a real Birds Nest. We studied it to see all the different particles that it contained. We also learned that a great project green at home. We can help the birds with supplies for their nests. They love hair out of our hair brushes and lint from the dryer vent.

Our own Project Green was implemented on our Nemo feet. The blue back ground should look familiar. It was the same back ground we painted for our Lions on Lilly Pads project. Also, the fish bubble were from our Apple Sauce pouches.

Our Discovery Center changed twice this week. First it had plastic sea creatures in water. We had to pick them up with tweezers. Then on Thursday there was a real fish in it. It was to cool. We didn't pinch it with tweezers.

We closed out the week listing to all of the fantastic things Bonnie got to do while spending time with the Owens family. Thank you to Charlotte and family for taking such wonderful care of her.

Our letter of next week will be O. Our other focus points will be.....5, the shape of a Rhombus the colors Black and White and the vocabulary word-Narrator.

Happy Hopping, Lori Ann



Peacock News



Happy Friday Peacock Families! We hope you have enjoyed your week and were able to stay cool. Our theme this week was Scientist Week! How exciting!

Friends began the week off talking about chalk and how could we make it. Using simple “at home” ingredients, such as corn starch, water and food coloring, we made ice chalk. Benny did an excellent job pouring the corn starch into the bowl; he was very careful not to spill it everywhere. Graciela was excited to add food coloring; she made sure she added enough red to make a reddish/pink color. After mixing everything together, we poured the mixture into star ice trays and put them in the freezer! Hannah could not wait to use the chalk outside the next day. To continue with our science theme, did you know what happens to an egg when you put it in a bowl of vinegar? Brynn could not believe how much it changed. Logan thought it was a new egg. Lyla could not wait to share this with her mom and dad; she wanted to do this at home! Ryleigh was very interested in what fizzy ice is; she was trying to imagine what it was. Isaac’s mouth was wide open when he saw the ice fizz! Arden thought it looked like smoke coming from the ice. We ended the week talking about soap and what you can do with soap. No one ever guessed you could soap in the microwave! Laila thought the microwave would blow up! Mateo could not believe that ivory soap would make a soap cloud. James thought it felt weird. Tristan loved playing with the soap cloud!

If you have any questions about our experiments or would like to know how to do these at home, just ask!

Have a wonderful and cool weekend!

Mrs. Summer and Ms. Miranda!

Rooster News



Hello Rooster families!

Our theme this week was Camping!

Our kindergarten countdown chain is getting shorter by the day and the children more excited! We have been using our chain and yearly calendar to keep track of the days left which is giving the class a better sense of time as far as days and weeks go. We have also been counting our calendar and talking about past and upcoming events in terms of weeks. The visual prompt is useful as they can see how long a week is and talking about what is special about each day has really helped them with this concept! Our secondary Math theme for the past few weeks has been subtraction and the countdown chain has helped with this. Naturally, m&m math-subtraction has been far more popular as always!

Science this week was all about camping. We talked about what constitutes a good campsite and even went on a nature walk to see if there were any good ones near our school. While we were out, we took the time to gather up materials to make our own paintbrushes which was the perfect opportunity to really LOOK at the plants and talk about plants around a campsite you would want there and ones to avoid. We also talked about the animals and insects you might come into contact with while camping and how to keep the unwanted ones out of your campsite. We got a good overview of Virginia wildlife and plants! Our Project Green subject was Camp Clean-up and how to leave it as clean or cleaner than you found it.

Our language arts was a series of discussions in Group about camping subjects. The children love to add their input about any subject we are talking about! We talked about what we like best about camping (s'mores were pretty popular), where we have gone camping, who we went camping with, and what we saw when we were camping.



The most fun was telling campfire stories! One person would start the story with a sentence or two and the next child had to add to it, then the next etc. The stories got wilder and wilder and brought about much laughter! Friday was Toy Show and Tell which we do once a month. This is a fun way to get children comfortable talking in front of groups and great practice for active listening and appropriate questions from the audience!

Children's Humanities was also about camping. We talked about camping safely in various places such as a forest, the beach, or the mountains. We also talked a lot about what we would pack to go camping and played Grandma's Backpack which is always hilarious!

Art was so fun this week! We made tissue paper campfires, lightning bugs in a jar (which was good practice for small motor skills), painted a mural with our nature walk paintbrushes, and created tents at night with popsicle sticks and black paper!

Next week is our School Bus Field Trip and we are all excited about it! It is also the week the Peacocks and Roosters are doing a joint theme of The Olympic Games! This is going to be a blast and I can't wait to tell you all about it next week!

Until then...have a wonderful weekend and stay cool!

Ms. Margaret and the Roosters