

**BRIGHT BEGINNINGS**  
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## Mark your Calendars!

**Friday, June 12th**- Pre-K graduation and  
sundae social – 11:00a

**Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**- Summer session begins

**Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**- Closed for 4<sup>th</sup> of July

## FROM THE FRONT DESK



### Reminders:

Attention Pre-K parents:  
Our Pre-K graduation is  
Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> and will  
start at 11:00a. There will be  
an ice cream social to  
follow.

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

Sprinkler day and Bike  
day will begin the week  
on June 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have



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the schedule posted and emailed soon.

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.

Don't forget that we are a 12 month preschool and we are open in the summer. There is no need to change your child's schedule or routine.

Did you know that all of our staff are CPR and First Aid trained? We pride ourselves in putting safety first! Your child is very important to us and we want to ensure that we are always ready for any emergencies.

## **NEWS FROM THE ADMISSIONS DESK**

Are you wondering if it's a good time to talk pre-school for your baby? YES!! We are touring like crazy and are enrolling for our fabulous fall semester! You can find out more about our baby toddler program from our website - [www.brightbeginningsva.com](http://www.brightbeginningsva.com). Don't forget that we enroll from infants all the way through pre-k and then even summer camp up to age 10! Our tours last

about 45 minutes - if you send a friend and they enroll we'll give you \$100 credit towards your tuition! The more you send, the more you SAVE! We love that you love us and share our school with your family and friends. Our Facebook page is growing by leaps and bounds - we're even giving away prizes, so don't miss out!

Enroll now and we'll enter you into a drawing to win a grill! We cannot wait to find out who the winner is! Like our Facebook page, Pin our pins on Pinterest and share our blog! We love to share our fun, our creativity and our curriculum with you daily! Any questions about enrollment? Send them to Lisa at [lisa@brightbeginningsva.com](mailto:lisa@brightbeginningsva.com) today!

## News for the Classrooms



Hey parents:

The Walrus class has been working on finding our fingers and toes, strengthen our hand eye coordination. The class has had fun stacking Lego's and building blocks. We love making music by banging cups and spoons together. The class has been finding different ways to make music, by shaking toys and banging toys together. One of our favorite finger plays is Where is Thumbkin? Little Lucy and Matthew love looking at themselves in the mirror. They smack the mirror and just giggle and giggle. We have been doing puzzles together as a group. We are working on our animal sounds. Little Rudy loves saying "cow". Again this week we have tried to learn our body parts.

We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend. See you on Monday.

Ms. Shannon and Ms. Gudrun



Circle time is one of our favorite times of the day! We are all getting better about sitting down and singing our songs together. A few of our favorite ones right now are Baby Shark and If you're happy and you know it. We are teaching them their ABC and how to count. As we are counting, we also talk about the weather. Torrence and Gaberila really can sang and they are also putting words in to sentences.

During Gross Motor, we played tug of war by having half on one end of a rope and some on the other end. Finn, Caleb and Lucy were on the same team. Pierce, Indie and Padmae were on the other side. Everyone pulled real hard and let go and falling to the floor. After that, we made a classroom maze for them to go through. Juliet and

Brooklyn would crawl through together, getting stuck on the curvy part; so we had to pull them out.

We created Lady Bug art by using different colors to make a coloring book collage. We used our sensory skills and played with seashells. We placed them in the sand to hide them and pretend we were at the beach, looking for seashells. Backward Day we walked, skipped, crawled, and sat the opposite way. Some of us had some difficulty doing this, but we all had fun trying.

Please bring in some sun screen to put on your child.

Have a great week,

Ms. Sue and Ms. Nancy



Dear friends,

This week we are celebrating our birthdays -- all at the same time! And what better to celebrate than cake and balloons!! We spent the beginning of

the week playing with balloons. We would rub the balloon on their hair and look in a mirror to see the "crazy hair". We also use balloons to practice our hand-eye coordination by hitting the balloon in the air. After we were done having so much fun with the balloons, we began pretending to bake a cake. I can only imagine how much fun they would have baking a real cake!! Finally, we learned to sing the Happy Birthday song.

While spending so much time outside, we have begun to explore bugs. Everyone seems pretty fascinated with lady bugs. Since we love lady bugs, we are working on a lady bug picture.

The children are so excited about the new sprinklers that have been installed on the playground. Soon we will have details on bringing swimsuits for water play!

Just a reminder - please be sure that your child's name is labelled on the outside of his or her lunchbox, and also on the water cup. Additionally, anything that will be placed in the

refrigerator separately needs to be labelled with name and date. Thank you!

Ms. Dawn and Miss Brittne



Hello Pelican friends and families!

This week was extra special in the Pelican room because it was Miss Lyn's last week. As you all know, I missed a few days this week due to sickness but that didn't make our week any less great. William, Ryn, and Raegan: we missed you this week! We spent a lot of time doing some of our favorite activities, and introducing a few new ones.

Our art projects this week were spectacular and I can't wait until they're in the hallway for everyone to see. All of our friends worked really hard on them. We started out the week with bumblebee hives

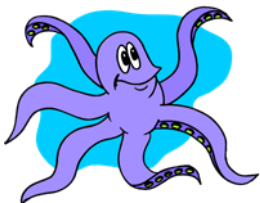
using bubble wrap and our own little thumbs. Miss Ruth was kind enough to finish our hives. Thanks Miss Ruth! Miss Nancy also helped our Pelican friends this week and made those delectable strawberries that we sent home this week. Thanks Miss Nancy! I can't decide on my favorite art project this week: the handprint crabs or puffy paint ice cream. Tucker and Remi helped me add sand to our papers to create a beachy home for our crabs! Thanks for being such great helpers Tucker and Remi! Everyone was able to lend a hand with the puffy paint ice cream project. Everyone helped stir the paint as I added shaving cream, glue and paint for color. It looked so yummy and we were tempted to eat it! Yum!

We had a lot of fun this week with practical living. We had some water play this week, starting with our sink or float experiment. All of our friends were excited and anxious to see which rings sunk and which ones stayed afloat. We talked about animals

that live in the ocean and even got to play with toys animals in water and animals in the sand. It was hilarious hearing them name animals that live in the water and to see the surprising looks on their faces when told which animals actually live in the sea. We also talked about our favorite ice cream. Most friends chose vanilla or strawberry but Liam was the only friend with chocolate as his favorite. I like chocolate too Liam!

It was a pleasure to teach and spend time with the Pelicans. I will miss all of them dearly.

Be the good little Pelicans that I know you are for Miss Ruth!



Hello Octopus families! Another great week has flown by in our classroom and we did so much during it!

On Monday everyone was happy to dress up in front

of the mirror for our practical living activities. No one even wanted to dance as we usually do when we put our costumes on! Later this week we pretended to bake a cake when played with play-dough, cleaned our toy kitchen and built car wash with blocks. For art we worked on our cute ladybugs. The friends were very creative while making their bugs' legs and dots. The other days friends painted with water colors to create lilies for Monet's famous painting, worked on the number 4 and really enjoyed mixing blue and pink paints to make purple color. Everyone made his own shade of purple and each of them was very beautiful!

Our favorite books this week were "Three Billy-goats Gruff" and "The father who had 10 children".

Due to not very nice weather we had some really fun gross motor activities in our classroom this week. The Octopi crawled through the tunnel, rolled on our gym mat, danced and played music and even built a maze.

P.S. Thank you for bringing sunscreen for our afternoon outside time! We can keep only one bottle of lotion in the classroom at a time and it ends very quickly.

Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday!

Ms. Anna



Happy June Families!!

We really enjoyed learning about flowers last month and we are excited to begin learning about the solar system! We started our unit off this week by talking about the differences between day and night. For writing we practiced writing the things we see at night and the things we see during the day, like the sun! In Math, we have been working on completing patterns and even making our own patterns. For Science, we have been talking about the different animals that come out during the day versus the animals that come out

at night like bats and owls. Lastly, in art we drew pictures of the things that we see at night using black paper and white colored pencils. Our drawings turned out to be really neat!

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Love,  
The Bunny Room



Happy Friday Peacock Families!

I hope you have managed to stay dry this week. We are loving the cooler temperatures, but the rain needs to go away! We have outside play that we need to do!!

This week, friends talked about letter Tt. Friends painted with toothbrushes using two shades of blue paint. Everyone's imagination and creativity shined! The Peacocks decorated an orange T with black striped to make a

"tiger. Again, it is amazing to see their view of how the stripes on tigers look. Be sure to check out all our amazing art work.

For Math, we began working on blue and rectangle. To practice our rectangle recognition, friends were able to stamp paint with Lego rectangles. The looks on their faces when they realized Lego's weren't just for building was priceless.

Remember, I will be on vacation June 8-12, returning to school on the 15th. I hope everyone has a wonderful week. I will miss my Peacock class and can't wait to see them when I return!

Love,

Mrs. Summer



I can hardly believe it is June already! The Rooster Class is so excited! Graduation is zooming towards us and we are rushing to get through all

our preparations for it! Soon our summer session will start and we are excited about that as well. We are Roosters in a tizzy! What fun!

Math- We continued our study of the number 5. We included 5 in our counting, our patterning, and sorting. Friday is always the most popular with our m&m math which was subtraction this week! The children's math abilities have grown so much this year that they are now challenging me to come up with appropriate but challenging ideas!

Science- We continued our zucchini growing experiment and opened up more of our cups to see what is happening underground with the root systems. We also planted some of our larger zucchini plants in our garden and enjoyed playing and working in Grandma's Cottage studying plant growth!

Language Arts- We worked on writing our names in our Journals and started numbers. The Journals are getting very full! We practiced our songs for

Graduation and sang songs about the number 5, read lots and lots of books and worked on our "favorite thing to do in school" illustrated stories!

Children's Humanities- The entirety of this during the next two weeks is all about practicing for graduation! We want the children to feel comfortable with the ceremony and for that to happen we must practice until it is no longer so new to them. They are doing beautifully as I fully expected them to!

Art- This week was all about graduation caps! We made good headway with this project. We also did watercolor painting on paper and on coffee filters to see the difference in how the color is absorbed into the paper. We loved the coffee filters as it came out looking like tie dye! Beautiful!

I hope everyone can make it to graduation! It will be on Friday, June 12th at 11:00 followed by yummy cake and ice cream! The children had such fun making the invitations...they are

definitely something for the scrap book!

One week to go.....

Have a marvelous weekend!

Ms. Margaret and the Rushing Roosters