

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS
PRESCHOOL
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Mark your Calendars!

Monday, March 21st, 28th - Open house for prospective families
6:30pm

Monday, March 7th -Parent Advisory meeting 5:30-6:30

Monday, March 14th International Potluck and Brownie Bakeoff-
50/50 raffle family event 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 23rd Egg Hunt (Children only) Please provide
your class with a dozen plastic eggs Pre-Filled



FROM THE FRONT DESK



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

Crozet Elementary and Brownsville Elementary are having
Kindergarten Registration for the 2016-2017 school year from
9:00am-1:00pm & 3:00-6:00 pm.

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.

We have had several
sudden staff changes
and we appreciate
everyone bearing
with us as we find
the perfect teacher for
the little ones.

If you are in need of a new key, please let us know. We are sometimes in the classrooms assisting and can't always leave to answer to door.

NEWS FROM THE BOOKEEPER

If you need a tax statement, please let us know. Please remember that we have a tuition box in the hall. Please do not leave checks on the office desk.

NEWS FROM THE ADMISSIONS

We have had many tours recently that have decided to enroll with us- here at Bright Beginnings Preschool. Quite a few of you will be receiving your \$100 family referral credit as well! Thank you so much for spreading the word about Bright Beginnings! Our program is aimed to providing your child with the best, age appropriate and academically appropriate curriculum each day. We pride ourselves on preparing your children for kindergarten and beyond from the day they start at Bright Beginnings Preschool. Do you have a great testimonial for us? We love to share it with our staff and families. Please send your testimonials to our Director of Admissions and Marketing – Lisa Fischer at Lisa@brightbeginningsva.com today!

Also – we're HIRING! If you know someone interested in a rewarding career with the BEST staff in Cville – have them come to our job fair on March 19th from 2-4 at our Forest Lakes preschool! We're hiring at all 3 locations!

Lisa Fischer

News for the Classrooms



The Walrus room has been enjoying all this nice weather! The babies have been enjoying their buggy ride and play time outside. The younger ones even enjoy playing on the blanket outside with some toys. We hope you all enjoy your weekend!



We made a big block tower to keep the dinosaurs out of the castle; the queen Fiona gave knight Eli and Deacon orders to let no one to enter the castle because of all the dinosaurs around. We played with the parachute with balls rolling around. We loved lifting it and letting it fall to the ground. Caitlin and Erik would throw them back into the parachute. We played hide and seek in the classroom trying to find each other; Gabriel and Jack would look at them while they would hide and go to straight where they are and laugh and say I found you! Jack really likes to mock everything you say. We sang Mary had a little lamb. We made a face of the lamb and made the sound. Puppet play made all of them sit still and were amazed at how I made them move and talk. We made a book with shapes so we can learn which shape is which. Celebrating DR. Seuss this month we are reading all of his books; and this kept them still for a long time laughing. Welcome back from vacation Celia, we really missed you. We colored our hard boil eggs by placing them in green food coloring for green eggs and ham.



The Hippos enjoyed making green eggs and ham in honor of Dr. Seuss. We are working hard on finding a permanent person for the Hippo room and we thank you for your patience during this time of transition for the children.



The sun is shining and spring is just around the corner! With the changing season come new recipes! You can see the recipes via Tadpoles every day on the Pelican day notes! This week will be Creamy Broccoli Dip! ☺ The recipes will also include healthy, easy to do snack and lunch ideas for the family or for their lunchboxes!

Every single week the Pelicans seem to out do themselves! I am SO SO PROUD of the progress the kids have made in the last couple of months as they get to know each other, the classroom, the teachers, and themselves! Their self-regulation skills are just PHENOMENAL. We could not be happier with potty training and the children's abilities to do the tasks (using the bathroom and washing their hands) with little to no assistance! Not only are they hitting each milestone on the nose, they are doing it with more confidence and independence than I have ever seen! They are practicing their manners from saying, "Bless you!" when a classmate sneezes to saying, "Please" and "Thank you!" at mealtime. I could truly write a book on how many changes the kids have made and how proud I am of each and every one of them. 😊

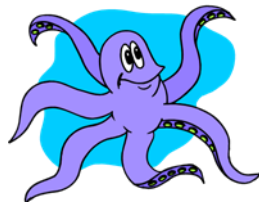
Not only are they turning in to strong, confident individuals, they are having a blast doing it in art, movement, and practicing these skills outside on the playground with the other classes!

We LOVE having Ms. Tiffany with us! The kids adore her and we love getting to know her each and every day! 😊

We have continued to learn our colors, shapes, numbers, calendar, and so much more during our Morning Meetings! All of the children seem to know all of their colors now, can recognize numbers 1-4, and love singing our calendar song in the mornings! We have been talking about the changing weather and what kind of clothes to wear when we go outside. We are learning how to do the Flip Trick to put our own coats on and how to line up with our hands on our shoulders as well!

This week we will be doing all sorts of springtime crafts (a little nudge to the universe, perhaps?) such as robin eggs, rainbow sort, and tie-dye towels! There is always so much to do and we can't wait to do it in the coming spring!

-Ms. Carmen



Greetings from the octopi class!! We had so much to do this week we started off with more St. Patricks day decorations. Then we broke away from St. Patricks day and made lorax masks in honor of Dr. Seuss. Then we moved on to the carpet and enjoyed five little monkeys and read chicka chicka boom boom numbers edition. After which we played leap frog to honor leap day and learned how to play hot potato. After all that fun we amped up the fun and celebrated Sam Gerlach's 3rd birthday on the 1st so be sure to tell him happy belated. This week has been crazy busy.



Shaken Shamrocks and Leprechauns from the Bunny Class. We spent our week in a sea of green. Really did you see the **MESS** the Leprechauns made in our Class Thursday? Ms. Lori-Ann would really like to teach those Leprechauns how our centers work. She was so upset she took us Leprechaun Hunting. Guess what...We didn't find them but we think we found where they live.

Our crafts of the week were both focused on St. Patrick's Day. We made Shamrock Hands and Pots of Gold you find at the end of a Rainbow. Rainbows oh yes, we spent time with rainbows. Our Science experiment we created a rainbow with a glass of water, a piece of White paper a mirror and a flash light. Did you know a Rainbow is a reflection? Reflection... that's one of our vocabulary words.

We read Bunnies Rainbow Day and Horary it's St. Patrick's Day. We had a special Mystery Read on St. Patrick's Day. No it wasn't a Leprechaun, but it was someone Irish. Thank you to Mrs. Delcarmen for coming in and sharing her special book with us.

We had lots of fun practicing good sportsmanship playing Tic- Tac -Toe, the Coat Race and the Umbrella game. We are getting so good at putting on our own coats Ms. Lori-Ann thinks we should be on the news. We could be on TV. Who is it possible?? We are already Authors. We are an incredible Bunny Bunch.

Next week we will be focusing on the color Black, the letter A and the number 2.



Happy Friday! What wonderful weather we have been enjoying! With the warmer temperatures, we spent a lot of time outside this week - FINALLY!

For Language Arts, we began discussing letter Nn. We made nests with hand prints. We also made a night picture. Friends were very excited to use star stickers and they used a lot of them!!

For Math, we learned about squares. Squares are different from rectangles because a square has 4 side that are the same and rectangle has 2 long and 2 short sides! We also learned about number 9 We had fun making 9 with our fingers!!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs. Summer



Hello Rooster families!

This week flew by and we had a blast! The letter of the week was Uu and here is what we did with it:

Math- Math this week was all about measuring volume. We had a water table set up with measuring cups in our Science Center and it was very popular! We did lots of counting in Group and finished two pages of number writing practice for our portfolios. Everyone did a great job and should be proud of themselves!

Science- In Group we talked about the universe and what makes up the universe. We had a beautiful book from the library that showed us amazing pictures of all sorts of things to be found out in space. We then moved inward and talked about galaxies, our solar system, moons and stars, comets, meteors and shooting stars.

Language Arts- We worked through a Uu list of words and definitions, did our journal pages for u and U, finished our ready reader and talked about what the prefix "un" does to words. We also read some really funny books with Uu words in the titles! In Group we did some phonics work with a Dr. Seuss page to sound out the beginning sound of words ending in "at"...cat in the hat!

Children's Humanities- We studied the USA and its parts. We talked about states, counties, cities, towns and villages and continued working on addresses and phone numbers.

Art- So fun! We made representative American flags for USA, used the movie "Up" to make colorful balloon art, practiced our cutting on moons for universe art and made beautiful umbrellas which we painted rain on with bubble wrap!

Our cooking project was a HUGE success thanks to all our parents! The children loved the green eggs and ham and the strawberries and grapes disappeared in a flash. Thank you everyone who donated!

We spent lots of time outdoors in the beautiful weather running and playing. Soccer is the game of choice at the moment and we have some very good players!

Next week, on to the letter Vv which the children have been waiting for if for no other reason than volcano starts with Vv! Stay tuned!

Have a marvelous weekend,
Ms. Margaret and the Roisterous Roosters