

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS
PRESCHOOL
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Mark your Calendars!

Tuesday, March 17th- Wear Green/Leprechaun hunt for gold

Friday, April 3rd- Spring egg hunt- children only

Monday, April 6th- Open house for prospective families/New family orientation

Thursday/Friday, April 9th and 10th- CLOSED for Spring break



Our annual Spring egg hunt will be held Friday, April 3rd. We ask that each parent bring in a dozen stuffed eggs. Our teachers will hide the eggs on the playgrounds and each class will get to have an egg hunt.

It's going to be an egg-citing day of fun!

FROM THE FRONT DESK



Reminders:

Please let us know if your email or any other information has changed.

St. Patrick's Day is Tuesday. Don't forget to send your child to school wearing GREEN.

For safety reasons it is very important that every parent use their key card. If you have lost yours and would like to purchase a new one please see Taylor in the front office.

Attention infant room parents: We are asking for your help! If you have older children here with us, please pick up your infant first. We are trying to cut down on the amount of traffic in and out of our infant classroom. We are also asking that parents try to avoid walking on the carpet. We are trying our hardest to keep it clean but with spring here and the ground being muddy and wet there is a lot of dirt being tracked in. Our sweet babies play on this carpet

and we want to keep it as clean as possible. Our teachers do not mind doing the extra work when it comes to pick-up and drop off. If you have any questions please see Taylor.

What's Cooking!

We have so many fun cooking projects lined up for the month of March. In honor of Dr. Seuss this month we made Green eggs and ham. Yum!

March wouldn't be complete without a little

something to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We will be cooking up some Leprechaun surprise and green rice crispy treats. Please see your child's classroom door for sign-up sheets.

As the weather starts to get warmer please check clothes in cubbies to make sure they are appropriate for the weather.

Tax Time

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NEWS FROM THE ADMISSIONS DESK

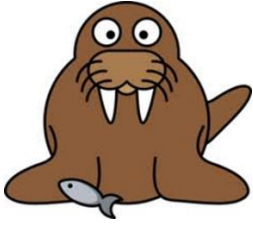
Have you had a chance to "like" us on Facebook yet? Our Facebook page is growing by leaps and bounds and we are continually striving to provide our parents with information, photos, recipes, crafts and daily curriculum. We are busy behind the scenes working towards virtual day notes which we hope to introduce sometime in April! This way - it's less paper to use, less writing

for our staff and more individualized messages to you daily! We strive to have the best open communication with YOU!

Our March promotion is underway and we are thrilled to offer any new family that enrolls by April 1st - ONE FREE WEEK OF TUITION! That's one free week simply just by enrolling within the next few weeks! With all of the excitement we don't want

to forget about our Summer Camp as well - for only \$150 per week for our alumni families you just can't beat it!

Beat the heat with Bright Beginnings Preschool! New families can enroll for \$175 per week and that is from 7am - 6pm! You cannot beat the excitement, the price or the school! Call today to schedule your tour for our 12 month program or for summer!



Hello parents,

It has been so nice out this week minus the little rain we got. We sure hope everyone had a chance to get outside like we did. Our kids were so excited to see the buggy back in commission. Our older friends are starting to get the hang of coloring with crayons. Our younger ones have really been working on their gross motor and fine motor skills.

Hope everyone enjoys their weekend.



We are glad to be back from our snow break to some warmer weather. A game of hide and seek outside was the perfect way to start out our week. The children love to see if they can find each other hiding in the tunnels outside or behind the horse and tires.

Andrew found all of his friends!! Also outside this week we played kick the can. They really enjoy trying to see who can kick it the furthest. Tucker, Sam and Raegan were so proud how far they could kick it.

We had fun making green eggs and ham in honor of Dr. Seuss. We all had a turn cracking the eggs. Gaberila and Norah wanted to do them all.

In art this week we made a lamb form Mary had a little lamb out of popcorn. Finn, Juliet and Torrence ate more popcorn then they put on the string. We also worked on Spring flowers. The children used different color paint to make their very own flowers. Indie, Lucy and Quinn just splashed the paint all over the paper. ☺

As part of our gross motor this week we put on a puppet show, letting everyone slide a puppet on their hand and make the sound of the animal.

Please check cubbies to pick up all day notes and art work to go home at the end of the day.



Dear friends,

The hippos are welcoming spring this week with flower art, spring songs and baby lambs!

Warmer weather means we can once again enjoy our playground, where we have more space to run, push toys, throw balls, and frolic in the sunshine. This is a great opportunity for gross motor development, along with the many activities we do indoors. The big balls continue to be a source of fun, as we explore the way they bounce, roll under the table, fly through the air, and knock other things over.

Wednesday, March 11 is Johnny Appleseed's birthday, which we will celebrate with songs and apple art activities.

Welcome to our newest classmate, Santiago Norambuena! Santiago is 13 months old, and he especially enjoys playing

with the music cube in class.

The hippos know that spring is knocking at the door!

Ms. Dawn



Hey Pelican Family and Friends!

What a week!

The snow greeted us on our playground Monday, and we were thrilled to play in it this week! We built a snowman, which we later knocked down to use as fuel for our snowball fight. We got Ms. Ari with some really big snowballs!

Our fine motor lessons this week included What's Missing. We would hide shapes under a blanket, and when it was lifted, we would then work together to figure out which shape was missing! We also discovered a winter sensory box, which was a great treat after coming inside from the snow. The box was full of scarves and a warm blanket! On Friday,

we participated in one of our favorite activities – playing with PlayDoh! This time, we used cookie cutters to cut them into fun circus animals.

The Gross Motor activities kept us busy all week long. We practiced catching balls of different size –some were big, some were small, and others were in the middle. We even tried catching snowballs with each other! We did a fun dance to shake all of our sillies out, and it actually made us even more silly!

Practical Living was really fun this week, too. We learned how to brush our teeth and how to hold our toothbrush. We also pretended to work in a hardware store and repair our toy shelves and chairs. At the end of the week we turned our class into a beauty parlor. We learned about Madam C.J. Walker and how she made products for hair and caring for it.

For literature we asked Ms. Ari to read these two books again and again: Click, Clack Moo Cows that Type by Doreen Cronin – we really thought it was funny

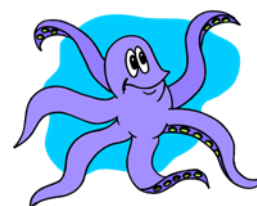
to see animals typing in a house, and Oh, Baby, The Places You'll Go – this book had some of our favorite Dr. Seuss characters in it, and fun rhyming words!

Everyday this week, we learned about a new person for Black History Month. We took what we learned about them and made artwork to show how they invented things and helped America. We hope you get a chance to check out our art gallery outside of our classroom this week to learn some fun facts about Black History!

We're now ready for March Madness!

Love,

The Pelicans



Hello again Octopus families! We are ready to share the news from the Octopus classroom. This week we talked about signs of spring and the weather. After I asked what signs of spring we see Isaac said: It's not winter anymore! On Wednesday

we played a ball at our morning meeting, the friends needed to give correct answers to my questions to get the ball and they did a great job doing it! We reviewed ABC's, shapes and colors playing like this.

During our art time the Octopi enjoyed painting with pastel colors using Pitter-Patter technique to make spring flowers. Made birds' nests with Robin's eggs in them, it took us a couple of days to finish this project. While working on all the art projects we kept talking about the signs of spring.

For practical living activities we pretended to go grocery shopping and learned how to answer the phone. And, of course, had a great cooking project on Wednesday! Thank you all for bringing all the fruit and berries for our project – we enjoyed it so much! Fine motor activities were fun, too. On Tuesday the friends enjoyed one of their favorite – sorting marbles, beans, pom-poms and noodles. They love putting all these small objects in yoghurt bottles, shake, spill them out and sort. This

activity is good for fine motor skills and concentration. We also colored on dry erase boards. The friends learned to draw lines and compared long and short ones. And also for fine motor and language skills we worked on the letter M for March – the children built it from unifix cubes and decorated with stickers.

We had a wonderful week in our classroom and wish you all a great weekend! See you all on Monday!

Ms. Anna



We have been super busy this week in the Bunny Room! After last week's crazy snow days, we are working on getting back into a routine and catching up on our curriculum. We are back to our alphabet review and making great progress. We found a lot of friends in our alphabet this week. K is for Kennedy, L is for Levi, Lyla, Logan, and

Leah, and M is for Mateo and our new friend Muhammad.

We also joined our friend Horton from "Horton Hears a Who" by Dr. Seuss to discuss ways to be helpful to other. We developed an understanding that "a person's a person no matter how small" as part of our social awareness. We talked about how to be a leader and stand up for our choices even if no one else agrees with you. Think outside the box and always march to your own beat.

This month for Spanish we are working on learning all the colors of the rainbow. This will come in handy as St. Patrick's Day is fast approaching.

As always stay safe and have a great weekend!

Love, Ms. Heather and the Bunnies



Hello Peacock Families!

I hope this finds you having a great week. Your Peacock has surely enjoyed themselves. Especially on Monday! Monday was such a wonderful day, we spent as much time as we could outside. Graciela was so excited to get outside and play on the tire swing. Urijah was the first friend ready to begin our relay race; he was lined up, ready to go!!! Peyton thought it was very weird to have snow on the ground but the weather was so warm you did not have to wear a heavy coat!! Several friends agreed with her!!

For Math, friends began working with #7. Noah said his sister, Elisabeth, is 7yrs old. Emma enjoyed painting #7. Olivia did a great job and showed great determination when painting her number 7. When asked to show #7 using fingers, you never know what combination you will see. Sean held up 4 fingers with one hand and 3 with the other. Maggie showed 5 fingers on one hand and then 2 on the other. With that, friends realized $4+3=7$ and $5+2=7$!! WOW!!

For Language Arts, friends are learning letter Ii this week. Gabin looked at our list of Ii words and said

“Mrs. Summer, there aren’t very many I words”. How right you are Gabin! When writing letter Ii, friends have become very independent and they do not want any help writing!! WAY TO GO PEACOCKS! Aubrey said her I is a crazy looking H (it sure is a sideways H)!! Beck did a great job painting his letter I!! Eli was excited to paint his letter I, since his name ends with i!

Our bulletin board is almost complete! Our pot of gold is done, our leprechauns are complete and our rainbows are drying. Peter could not wait to see where his leprechaun and rainbow were going to be on the board. All our Peacock friends love coming to the board to find their art!!

Thank you for all the cooking project donations! We have so much fun cooking, and of course eating it!

Have a great weekend! See you on Monday.

Mrs. Summer



Welcome back and good bye snow! (Hopefully)

Due to the recent weather and children being absent for illness or snow days, the Roosters will be doing a week of catch-up and review. With only 7 letters in the alphabet to go, this seemed a good time to make sure everyone was at the same point.

Language Arts- We reviewed Aa through Ss, finished off any journaling we had gotten behind on and gave our two new students time to catch up. We continued with our letter sound ABC song and did alpha-hunts around the classroom and outdoors! For the children who were all caught up with their writing we made sheets with their names and common sight words to practice. Naturally, we read stories...lots and lots of stories about alphabets, bears, cats, dogs, elephants, forests, gardens, heros and heroines, ice, jaguars, kangaroos, llamas, mountains, nature, opposites, penguins, rabbits, and snow. We love books!! A million thanks to the Crozet library!

Math- We did counting and counting and more counting! We caught up on our 1-100 books, counted to 100 by 1's and 10's, read books with math themes such as 100 Hungry Ants, and worked on patterning, sorting, and shapes.

Science- We kept our Sensory Snow Science center for a couple more days then put back our Paleontology table as both of these are always popular and very fun!

We discussed in Group what we would like to take a look at next week for our Tt study. I love getting input from the children about science subjects! They are always so enthusiastic!

Next week we will begin again with our alpha-study with the letter Tt. There are so many interesting and fun things that begin with T! Tortoises, Turtles, Tomatoes....the list goes on and on and we can hardly wait!

Have a marvelous weekend!

Ms Margaret and the Roosters