



5/8/2015

## Mark your Calendars!

**Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**- Child's night out- Happy Mother's Day- see flyer in lobby for more details

**Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**- Parent/Teacher conferences 4:00-6:30p

**Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**- Crazy Hair Day

**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** -Strawberry picking field trip for Peacock and Rooster class. 10:30-12:00

**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**- Closed for Memorial Day



*A Huge Thank You to all of our parents who provided food and goodies for Staff Appreciation Day. We had a great lunch and really appreciate all that you do for us!!*

## FROM THE FRONT DESK



### Reminders:

Peacock and Rooster parents we need your help: Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> is our annual strawberry picking field trip. If you are able to drive, please let us know. We have a large group going this year and could use all the help we can get.

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.

Attention Infant/Toddler parents: Our hours in the infant/toddler unit is 7:30-5:30. Please be on time for

pick-up. Late fees will be applied to accounts.

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

Please make sure you are putting an ice pack in your child's lunch box if needed. Our fridge space is very limited.

## **NEWS FROM THE ADMISSIONS DESK**

We've signed up lots of new friends for Summer Camp this week! Don't forget that to reserve your child's spot is only \$50 and you're set for Summer fun with us here at Bright Beginnings! Go ahead - shop around and compare - you will not find a better deal! We're so excited to see some of our alumni signing up and even some new friends that signed up with us from our Camp Expo this year. Summer fun for \$175 per week - \$150 for alumni!

If a new family enrolls with us and you referred them - we're not only giving you \$100 credit but we're also putting your name in the pot to win a brand new grill! Keep those referrals

coming - tell your friends, neighbors, co-workers. You get \$100 every single time!!

Any questions about summer camp, our curriculum, our program....or testimonials - email Lisa, our Admissions director at [lisa@brightbeginningsva.com](mailto:lisa@brightbeginningsva.com) today!

## News for the Classrooms



Hello parents,

Our Walruses have been doing a lot this week. For curriculum they have been doing colors, textures and shapes. For fine motor the kids enjoyed going fishing. They used a little net to catch the fish in a bucket of water. We have also worked on strengthening our body muscles by pulling up, sitting with help, encouraging crawling, and helping roll over. Outside the babies enjoyed pulling buttercups and looking and smelling the tulips while blowing bubbles on the lawn.

Hope you all have a Happy Mother's Day!!

Love the Walrus class



Hello Kangaroo Families!

What a wonderful start to the month of May. We love to start our day singing our songs during morning meeting. Our favorite song this week is "5 Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed". As we are singing, Finn and Lucy are jumping along with the monkeys. Juliet likes to shake the maracas. To continue our development with gross motor, the Kangaroo friends are doing gymnastics. Caleb and Tucker sliding down the slide outside. Padmae likes rolling the balls across the floor. Gabriela and Brooklyn are doing a great job of taking turns bouncing the ball to each other.

In art, we are working on tearing scrap paper; which also improves fine motor skills. Once we tore the scrap paper, we looked at how each piece was a different size and shape and how to arrange them from biggest to smallest and vice versa. The Kangaroo friends love playing "Stand Up, Sit Down". Quinn doesn't want to stop playing, she

keeps moving up and down!

Our Practical Living play this week teaches friends how to take care of yourself. One thing you must do for yourself is go to the doctor. We used our stuff animals and babies to practice on. Brooklyn did a great job wrapping up the boo boo on the bears leg. Torrence made sure the bear had a bath when he was all done at the doctors.

Don't forget to apply sunscreen every morning before coming to school. We will reapply in the afternoons before going outside.

Have a great Mother's Day!

Ms. Sue and Ms. Nancy



Dear friends,

This week the Hippos are glowing with love for Mom! Hearts, rainbows and handprints in our artwork. We've been singing Skinnarink, You are My Sunshine, and Bushel

and a Peck, songs they probably already have learned from Mom or Grandma. We are also reading 5 Little Monkeys, which highlights some of the many ways Mommy takes care of us.

We are delighted to welcome a new classmate, Jack N. Jack is almost 13 months old, and he loves playing ball with his new friends. We're glad to get to know you, Jack!

The Hippo class wishes Happy Mother's Day to all the Mommies and Grandmas who love and care for us!

Ms. Dawn and Miss Brittini



Happy Friday Pelican Family and Friends!

We've worked so hard all week finishing up our Mother's Day gifts and cards and we can't wait till our mommies open them!

For fine motor week arranged objects from big to small and we also made comparisons on which

objects were bigger or smaller. We are definitely doing well with understanding sizes and differences.

For practical living we set up a bus in our class with our chairs. Ms. Ari was the driver and we sung "The Wheels on the Bus" as we drove around to the grocery store and our Grandmas' houses! We also got to play school-- it was so much fun mimicking our teacher and teaching our friends.

For gross motor we did our favorite, tumbling on the gymnastics mat. We also got some new big bouncy balls and we practiced our bouncing them before we caught them!

We hope you have had just as great of a week as we did, but more importantly we wish all mommies a very happy Mother's Day!

We love you!

The Pelicans



Hello Octopus families!

Here are the latest news from our classroom. This past week the Octopi have done a lot. During our morning meetings we learned the name of the month and reviewed all spring months' names, too. We counted from 1 to 20 in English, remembered how to count in Russian from 1 to 10, and learned to count in Spanish and our Isabella did great teaching us to do that! The Octopi worked on their Math skills by comparing short and tall objects and arranging objects from large to small this week. Best of all it worked with our toy animals which we have a lot of in the classroom, our friends put them in a very long line on the floor and discussed which one was smaller or larger, taller or shorter.

During art time everybody loved putting a bus together for everyone's favorite song "The wheels on the bus". Also our friends made flowers from coffee filters and started working on their book of shapes.

For practical living we had fun playing school by taking turns to be a teacher for counting, singing greeting songs in the morning and reading. And also played with feely box trying to guess what objects were in the box without seeing them.

We spent a lot of time outside enjoying the nice weather. One of our favorite games is "gallop, run, skip, walk" We love galloping and running each morning with our Pelican friends. Another fun game was "balloon tennis" - we made rackets from paper plates and popsicle sticks and really had a lot of fun trying to catch or hit balloons with them.

Again we had a very nice week full of laugh, joy and fun! We wish you all a great weekend!

See you on Monday!  
Ms. Anna



This week was a busy week as we prepared for Mother's Day. We made all sorts of Mother's Day crafts in which we were able to practice our handwriting skills.

In math we counted the number of flowers on bee hives and matched them to the bee that had the correct number. We also sorted flowers from tallest to shortest. We had fun making different patterns with the flowers as well! This week we practiced saying please and thank-you as part of our social skills and we even talked about why manners are important.

Lastly, we enjoyed finding caterpillars outside on the playground and taking care of them.

I hope you all enjoy your Mother's Day weekend! The children worked very hard on their gifts for you and I know they cannot

wait to celebrate having the best mothers ever!

Love, Ms. Heather and Ms. Karry



Happy May Peacock Families!

I hope that May has started off wonderful for each of you. Your Peacock is enjoy the month of May, so far.

For Language Arts, friends began working on letter Rr. Sean was excited for this letter - his brother's name is Reid!! Rainbow was one of our favorite Rr words. During free draw, Maggie and Jillian worked on drawing rainbows! Emma loved decorating letter R with rain. Aubrey was excited to begin her red rose craft - she loves roses!! During journal time, Peter did a great job of helping his friends writing letter Rr; since he has an Rr in his name! Peyton and Olivia did a great job looking for R words around the

peacock room – room, rug,  
red container.....

For Math, friends were introduced to 2 new items this week. Our color of the month is Red (another Rr word). Beck said he really likes the color red, but blue is his favorite color. The Peacock class started with triangles – our shape of the month. Tenley and Graciela did a great job painting their red triangles. They showed great teamwork sharing the paint. Noah made a flower using the green triangles from our pattern blocks. Eli and Gabin enjoyed looking through magazines to find red pictures. Urijah loves journal time – especially drawing pictures.

It looks like the warmer weather is here, so please check your child's extra clothes to exchange the winter clothes. Remember for nap, a crib fitted sheet and small blanket.

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend.  
Happy Mother's Day!



What Mums Do

Cook and clean,

Wash and fold,

Keep me warm when I am cold.

Drive me here,

Take me there,

Mum, you sure are everywhere.

School and sports,

We have such fun,

And you are there when our day is done.

Tuck me in

to bed at night,

That is when we say goodnight.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

This week was all about moms! We looked at all different kinds of animal moms and their babies in science, worked on our journals and practiced writing with mom in mind, and read lots of stories

about moms and what they do. For art we worked on super-secret projects and had so much fun doing it! Shhhhhhhh...don't tell!

Wishing all our mothers a very happy mother's day! Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us and including us in your life! We love you!

Ms. Margaret, Ms. Julia,  
and the Amazing Roosters!