

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

PRESCHOOL

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Charlottesville's Early Childhood Leader Since 1984

NEWS FROM THE FRONT DESK:

We hope everyone enjoyed and stayed safe during the snowstorm! We have some great new families to welcome to our community, please welcome the Zawitz Family, Wright Family, Doench Family, and the Barfield Family! We hope you are settling into our little school, please let us know if you have any questions, or if we can help you in anyway.

As our school grows so will our staff. We have been conducting interviews, and have been hiring to fill our open position. Please feel free to introduce yourself to new staff, as they see you they will be doing the same!

NEWS FROM THE ADMISSIONS DESK:

Hello from Ms. Lisa's frozen admissions desk! It may be cold outside but our tours have been hot- hot-hot! We have had over 5 family referrals come in to tour our program this week! We truly value you telling your friends and neighbors about how much you love our program – if they enroll we are giving you \$100 credit! It's easy – we'll just go subtract \$100 from you tuition for any family that enrolls because of you! Don't forget to give us a great review on our Google+ page, Facebook or just send us a testimonial to share with our hard working staff!!

Thank you so much to all of our wonderful parents for sharing the word about Bright Beginnings!

NEWS FROM BB ACCOUNTS:

Re-registration has been billed to all appropriate accounts. This is a \$100 fee billed each school year, due February 1, 2016. Please let us know if you want to pay for this separately or just billed and charged with your February tuition.

We had an accounts audit this week, anyone who had not been billed or paid their \$300 deposit when his or her child was enrolled will have been billed this, this week. If your balance due seems higher, this may be the reason. Deposits can be broken up monthly if needed. Please let Ms. Alison know how you would like this to be paid. Thank you.

Tax ID Number: Bright Beginnings Tax ID is 54-1529854. Please inform us if you wish to receive receipts for tuition payments. To receive a yearly account summary, please inform us in writing at least two weeks in advance.

January 29, 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER!

February 1 – Open House for Prospective Families, 6:30 p.m.
New Family Orientation, 6:30 p.m.

February 8 - Open House for Prospective Families, 6:30 p.m.

February 12 - Valentines Day Parties – Child Only

WHATS NEW?

Baby Sign Language

Yoga

Music Class

Gymnastics/Dance

Spanish Class

CLASSROOM NEWS!!

NEWS FROM OUR PENGUIN FRIENDS:

Hello everyone! First I would like to welcome Sammy and his family to our room, we are so happy you have joined our room!

I can't believe this is our last week in January, wow the year is flying by. For morning meeting we sang *"guess who came to school today"*, *"what color shirt you are wearing?"*, went over the calendar, days of the week, shapes, colors, ABC's, and counting 1-10.

For fine motor and art we did a penguin footprint, bear hug pass it, sensory Kool-Aid, sponge painting, cotton ball snowflakes, pudding painting, free paint, and big and small crayons. For practical living we talked about barnyard animals, played "teacher", made pudding, played dress up, and picture pose. For reading literature we read, *"that's not my snowman"*, *"snowman all year long"*, *"first snow"*, *"snow rabbit"*, and *"winter snow"*. For gross motor the kids enjoyed an obstacle course, over and under, throwing balls, old McDonald, and jumping!

** A reminder to all parents, please make sure all food and cups are label with the names and dates. Also please don't put lunch bags in the refrigerator; all lunch bags should have an icepack to keep items cool. Thank you.

NEWS FROM OUR STARFISH FRIENDS:

* As our school grows, so must our staff! We would like to welcome Ms. Ballari to our infant unit. She will start Monday February 1 in the Starfish room.

NEWS FROM OUR SEA TURTLE FRIENDS:

This week in the Sea Turtle room we had a lot of fun with the snow! Baby James really enjoyed playing with a snowball. Luke didn't like how cold the snow was. We also had a lot of fun with art. We did footprints walking in the snow and some really cute mittens! Emma-Reese really enjoyed making her mittens! Benson loved using his feet for the footprints in the snow. For story time the babies really enjoyed The Foot Book. Nate really enjoys story time; he's always up close to the book listening to the story.

Please be sure to check your child's day not every Friday for anything they may need for the next week. Please check your child's cubby every Friday for any artwork that needs to go home. Thank you and have a great weekend!

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NEWS FROM OUR SEAL FRIENDS:

***Please see the Sea Turtle Blurb.**

NEWS FROM OUR OTTER FRIENDS:

We had a great week in the Otter Room! The kids loved going outside to play in the snow and were very excited to tell us about the snow and snowmen they made. For art this week the kids enjoyed making snowstorm, circle penguins, polar bear handprints, winter tree paintings and free art Friday. For fine motor/sensory they enjoyed doing free paint, give your friend a bear hug, sensory table Kool-Aid and sponge painting. For gross motor we had fun singing Old McDonald, Row Your Boat, rolling logs, throwing balls and music instruments. The kids really loved the snow sensory bringing it in for them to play, touch, dig and drive the cars through it. The kids are doing great at circle learning the months of the year and days of the week. We are still practicing out name cards and our flashcard with numbers, colors and shapes. We hope everyone enjoyed there Monday with there families in the snow building snowmen or sledding down the hill. Ms. Tracy and Ms. Amber enjoyed playing in the snow but really missed our little friends and were glad to be back at work.



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NEWS FROM OUR WALRUS FRIENDS:

WE DID IT!!! Yes, the snow danced worked! We had decided last Thursday that before we go to bed we would: 1st wear our pajamas backwards, 2nd do a little dance, and 3rd put an ice cub in the toilet. Some may say it worked a little well. Hopefully everyone enjoyed their snow day. For our friends that made it to school on Tuesday we got to Mr. Tom walk on top of the snow. During science time we learned all about weight displacement. Then with the help of some classroom made snowshoes Mr. Tom braved the snow filled playground. Since we couldn't make snowshoes for everyone we stayed inside and played lots of group games such as, Jump-Jump, Roll Those Dice, Simon Says, and many more. During Art we illustrated our favorite snow day event and afterwards we shared our pictures as we each talked about our pictures. The letter of the week, the super snake like, simple but slimy letter "Ss". Our Friday Show & Tell was filled with sharks and Supermen. Since we have loved counting to 30 with our racecars, we've decided to add 30 monster trucks and count to 60! We did not have a Superstar Rockstar of the week but that will return next week. See you all Monday unless you want us to do another snow dance?

NEWS FROM OUR DOLPHIN FRIENDS:

It was a very snowy week in the dolphin room! We started our week of with having an extra day at home! I hope everyone enjoyed playing in the snow. For journals this week we spent some time on reviewing a few of our old words of the week. We've also continued practicing writing out our names. For art me made scrap paper collages and had free drawing time. In math we've been focusing hard on counting by 10's. Lastly, in social studies we spent some time on learning a new states and reviewing the ones we already know. I hope everyone enjoys their weekend!

NEWS FROM OUR GYMNASTICS CLASS:

This week in Gymnastics the three year olds enjoyed stretching games, and dance movement. Our four year olds were working on balancing and continued to work on the importance of stretching!

NEWS FROM OUR OCTOPUS FRIENDS:

This week in the Octopus class, we continued to learn about Arctic Animals. We read some great literature, including: *"Who Grows up in the Snow?"* By Theresa Longenecker, *"Avati: Discovering Arctic Ecology"* by Mia Pelletier, *"The Best Book of Polar Animals"* by Christiane Gunzi, *"North: The Amazing Story of Arctic Migration"* by Nick Dowson, *"Polar Bears"* by Gail Gibbons, and *"Over in the Arctic: Where the Cold Winds Blow"* by Marianne Berkes. We also continued to learn about a few more arctic animals, such as Caribou, Arctic Foxes, and Narwhals! We also talked about where Antarctica is and located it on a map, along with if any people can survive in these freezing climates, which brought up an interesting discussion on Eskimos and Igloos. We also made igloos of our very own in art. Finally, thanks to the heavy snowfall on Friday, we got to play in the snow on our playground and pretend play by making miniature igloos outside!



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NEWS FROM OUR MUSIC CLASS:

Music Class with my Preschool and Toddler Friends
This Week We:

Our welcome song, "I'm So Glad You're Here"

It's what we do to start things off right.

The Djembe

We learned all about this cool hand-drum.

Djembe Skills

We took turns showing off our skills.

Djembe Take Two

We loved playing this drum so much we took another round of turns.

Djembe Take Three

Nothing is more fun than being asked to be as loud as you can in a classroom!

Everyone enjoyed playing soft and loud as well as making different sounds out of one drum.

The Future

Since we did so good on the Djembe we talked about how next we will have a jam session.

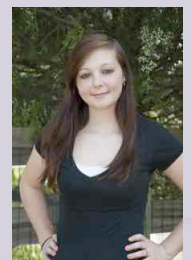
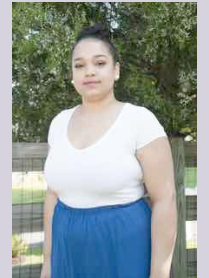
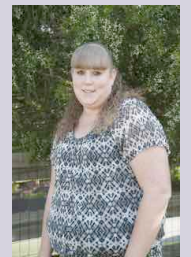
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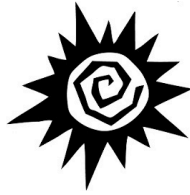
Exploring Musical Instruments

Expression through Dance

Djembe- is a rope-tuned skin-covered goblet drum played with bare hands, originally from West Africa.

"The piano ain't got no wrong notes." Thelonious Monk





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GOOD NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

October 2015

Do you have something nice to say about Mill Creek? Our staff love to hear your feedback! Please give us a 5 Star review on Google and we'll give you a coffee card just for being awesome! Thank you for all of your support – for being part of our BB Family!!

Valentines day is just around the corner, here is just one of the many cute crafts you can find to enjoy making with your little love bug!



Did you see this on our Facebook page? If not – go “like” our page!

We want to give a big BB Thank You to our local Papa Johns on Long Street, right here in Cville. Our hard working teachers at Mill Creek loved their lunch today. We love our community - thank you so much Papa Johns Pizza for appreciating our amazing staff! YUM!!

