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NEWS FROM THE FRONT DESK:

Happy New Year everyone! We have so much to look forward to this year. We have seen so many of our little ones take their first steps, recognize their name, poop in the potty and write a sentence! We can't wait to help, and see them grow even more in 2016.

I would like to welcome all of our new families who started this week. Please welcome the Grabowski Family, Berkowitz Family, Barnes Family, Rothschild Family, McGarvey Family, and the newest addition to the Tucker Family! We are very happy to have you join our little community.

NEWS FROM THE ADMISSIONS DESK:

Thank you so much to our current families who are sending in your testimonials! Our staff have loved reading your kind words and we will share them on our social media sites! Please, if you have something great to say about Bright Beginnings please email them to lisa@brightbeginningsva.com today! We have had so many families get their \$100 family credit this month! Thank you for spreading the word about us – Charlottesville's #1 Preschool! We had 35 tours this month at Bright Beginnings! Thank you for telling your friends! We're growing!! Do you know someone who has a love for children, experience in a licensed childcare facility and wants to work with a growing team? Let us know – we're always looking for top-notch staff to add to our wonderful family!

Don't forget to "like" our Facebook page for daily recipes, photos, crafts and more! Simply "like" Bright Beginnings Preschool, Charlottesville VA! We are proud to be part of your family! Don't forget to hang up your January curriculum so you can actively see what we're up to each month!

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.

January 8, 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER!

January 11 – Open House
(for new or perspective parents) 6:00-7:00

Parent Advisory Meeting
w/Ms. Alison and Ms. Hollie
5:30-6:30 (in the octopus room)

WHATS NEW?

Baby Sign Language

Yoga

Music Class

Gymnastics/Dance

Spanish Class (coming soon!)

CLASSROOM NEWS!!

NEWS FROM OUR PENGUIN FRIENDS:

Hello everyone Happy New Year. It's been a very busy week! I would like to welcome Arile and her family to our room and also welcome June and her family up to the toddler room. We are slowly but surely getting back into a routine. So for morning meeting we sang "guess who came to school today?", "what color shirt you are wearing?", we reviewed shapes, colors, ABC's, counting 1-10, and our names. For fine motor we enjoyed sensory scents, sensory box, watched ice melt, shapes and colors sorter, cool whip play! For gross motor we played over and under, bubble catch, practiced going down the slide, jumping jacks, and catching balls. For practical living we practiced counting down to new years, played fix it up, getting ready to go sledding, fixing hot chocolate, and winter dress up. For art we made happy New Year hands prints, marble painting, finger painting, and hot cocoa craft. Just a reminder to all parents: please make sure you label ALL food and cups with names and dates. Also please bring in hats, gloves and heavy jackets, we still go outside and it can be cold on the playground, thank you!

*** Ms. Patrice left us unexpectedly on Monday, and will not be returning. We have hired a replacement, Ms. Kimberly. She has currently been a stay at home mother taking care of her two kids. Now that her youngest has entered the second grade she is ready to return to working! We are happy to have her join our fabulous teaching staff here at Mill Creek. She will start on Monday January 11. Please make her feel welcome!

NEWS FROM OUR STARFISH FRIENDS:

We were so happy to have all of our babies back this week! We even had 4 new friends start with us. We want to welcome Connor, Harris, Bowen and Lev to the Starfish room! We would also like to welcome back Ms. LaTanya who has returned from her maternity leave. It seems like every time we have a long break the kiddos come back with something new to show us! We are so proud of Jackson for being able to sit on his own and Olivia for scooting around everywhere. We have been working a lot with the older ones on getting on our hands and knees, but I think they just like looking at us and laughing when we're doing it. The color that we are learning this week is blue. We made blue snowflakes for art and pointed out everything blue in the classroom. I think that was Lev's favorite part! Please remember to label and date everything and to check your child's cubby at the end of each day for important paperwork that needs to be sent home. We will be having a parents night out on January 29th from 6:00-8:30. Ask us for the details. Have a great weekend!

NEWS FROM OUR SEA TURTLE FRIENDS:

This week in the Sea Turtle room we said goodbye to some older friends, and hello to some new friends! Please help us give Emma-Reese and James a warm welcome into our classroom. This week we practiced how to say water, and cold in sign language. Luke thought it was the funniest thing seeing his teachers make the gestures. As a fun classroom game this week we played "sink or float". Faith was very entertained by the ducks floating in the water. We also played a game of "snowball toss". We took cotton balls and tossed them at one another like we were having a snowball fight. For some fun this week we made a classroom snowman! All of the children loved playing in the white paint! This week for individual artwork we made some snowflakes and ice cube paintings. Maggie really enjoyed touching the ice to create her master piece!

Please be sure to check your child's day note every Friday for anything he or she may need for the following week. Please be sure to check your child's cubby every Friday for anything that may need to go home. Welcome back, hope everyone had a great holiday!

NEWS FROM OUR SEAL FRIENDS:

We had quite an exciting first week in the seal room. This week we worked on getting our fiends adjusted to our new class schedule and curriculum. During our circle time we sing our welcome song, then we work on counting, ABC's, colors and shapes. Charlie loves to dance along to the welcome song. For fine motor we colored with crayons, and stacked blocks. For art we made snowflake relief paintings, Pom Pom snowmen, and polar bear handprints. For practical living and self help skills we practiced sitting at and cleaning off the table, washing our hands and cleaning up our toys. For our gross motor exercises, we played jump jump, push and pull, and the snowball toss.

NEWS FROM OUR OTTER FRIENDS:

The otter room had a great week back after all the holidays and fun times with family and friends. Happy New Years Otter Families! The children had a great time talking about the snow and making lots of snow pictures for art. The children are really ready for some snow so we can go play in it and make a real snowman. Gavin and Asher really love reading the book "Super truck". For art we made finger paint snowflakes, snowman finger prints, fingerprint snowman globes, footprint snowman and free art Friday. For gross motor they enjoyed doing parachute play, over and under the sheet, learning how to do jumping jacks, bubble catch and down the slide.

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NEWS FROM OUR WALRUS FRIENDS:

Back in action from our Winter Break, the Walrus crew took some time getting in the swing of things. It was great to see friends that we haven't seen for so long. Our Dinosaur Land is has been a high impact fun filled center. We can't wait to add even more cool things to it, like a working volcano. In honor of ever growing interest in Dinosaurs we are going to start having a Dino Of The Week. We will highlight one kind of dinosaur and take time during our Morning Meeting to learn all about it. This is a wonderful idea that the class came up with during a brainstorming session. We love Dinosaurs so much, we even painted with their feet! Our letter of the week was the popping letter "P,p" and as a special treat our friend Evelyn brought in pudding for Show & Tell! How awesome is that!!! Speaking of awesome, we celebrated with our friend James how is turning four! Happy Birthday James! Our Superstar Rockstar of the week was the lovely and talented Ms. Lylah. We had a good time learning more about our friend. This week we also developed a new game we're calling skeet-snowball toss. Very fun and very far point system (which only really purpose is to have fun with Math). But we did celebrate our new friend AJ for having the most points. AJ is a grand addition to happy hyper tribe. Next week Car World gets a makeover.

NEWS FROM OUR DOLPHIN FRIENDS:

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 classroom we learned about snow and winter, and welcomed a new friend, Walker! We read some great literature including: "The Snowy Day" By Ezra Jack Keats, "The Missing Mitten Mystery" By Steven Kellogg, "The Biggest, Best Snowman" By Margery Cuyler, and "The Mitten" By Jan Brett. In art, we made snowmen, falling snow landscapes, and mitten art. We read our January poem from our "Chicken Soup with Rice" book, and also learned a new song for the month of January. We discussed what we like to do when it snows, and took a walk on our nature trail and looked for signs of winter, which we brainstormed as a class! Finally, on Friday, we got to celebrate filling our marble jar again, and had a class party to celebrate, which the students got to pick themes for and vote on! Happy 2016 everyone!



All of the kids were happy to be back with their friends this week. Welcome back girls!

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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"

We've played it fast and slow but mainly down right silly.

ABIYOYO

We read Pete Seeger's Storysong version of Abiyoyo

Ukelele

Taking a good look at the Ukelele and comparing the similarities and differences to a guitar

Abiyoyo The Song

Making the book come to life by hearing the tune played live

5 Little Monkeys

Rocked it out on the Ukelele

Objectives:

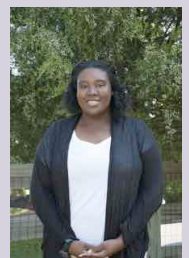
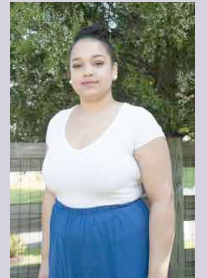
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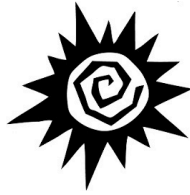
Songs Can Be Books/Songs Can Be Illustrated

Elements of Song Writing

Ukelele - a small four-stringed guitar of Hawaiian origin.

"The music is not in the notes, but in the silence between." Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart





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GOOD NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

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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!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



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