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Mill Creek



Weekly Newsletter

Admissions

Friday was the last day to receive our \$600 off tuition promo! If you enroll before August 1st we're giving you \$600 off tuition! That's \$100 off for the first 6 months if you enroll five days, full time! We don't want you to miss out so call today!

Starting August 1st, please be ready to welcome some new families and also some of our returning teacher families! We are so happy that you all have joined with us here at Bright Beginnings Preschool! We are still buzzing about our Daily Progress WIN! Did you see it? I mean – 5 complete wins including Best Daycare, Best Preschool, Best Small Business, Best Place to Work AND Best Long Standing Business. We couldn't be prouder! Thank you for voting for us!

Admissions questions? Email Lisa, our Admissions Director at lisa@brightbeginningsva.com today!

Accounting News

August Tuition has been billed and is now due.



News from the Front Desk

Happy Friday! This week has flown by; we hope everyone had a great week!

I have updated our lobby's "Thankful Tree"! The tree has the same concept of thanking a staff member or a fellow co-worker for all the great things they do. The circles are laminated and dry erase! Grab a circle write your note of thanks and place back in its space; it's that simple.

This upcoming week we have many families beginning their preschool experience! We are very excited to have all the new kids start, or return from their summer break and return for our fall semester! Fall semester officially begins Monday August 22, class lists will be posted by August 10, if not sooner, and move ups will occur Monday August 15. As children begin to start, teachers will prep their rooms for fall and all of their new students. This is a busy month for teachers, families and administration; we have new staff members starting for their fall placements as well, so you may be seeing some new faces around the building! Please let us know if you have any questions, feel free to pop in the office at anytime!

Save the Date!

New Parent Orient.

Monday 8/1

New Parent Orientation, Please schedule this with the Office. 6:30-7:30

Staff Appreciation

Thursday 8/4

Staff Appreciation Lunch.

Fall Move UP

Monday 8/15

Fall Placements will be posted 8/10 and Move ups will be 8/15.

Classroom News

**Starfish, Sea Turtles, Seals, Penguins, Otters,
Walruses, Dolphins, and Octopus**

Starfish News (Infants)

This week in the Starfish room we welcomed Miles to our room! We talked about our teddy bear picnic. We sang the days of the week song, we read many books including "Corduroy", "Brown bear, brown bear", and "The Teddy Bear Picnic".

We hope Charlotte and Lucy had a great vacation!

The babies enjoyed bear hunt sensory bottles and a puppet show of "Goldilocks and the three bears"

For art this week we made a bear face using a fork, and our handprints.

The babies are still learning tummy time, crawling, rolling over, sitting up, and pulling up. We learned how to say "bear" in sign language! All in all we had a great week!



Sea Turtle News (Mobile Infants)

This week in the Sea Turtle room we learned all about sea life! The babies really enjoyed the sensory activities we did this week. They loved playing with the seashells and watching them in the sensory bottles. They loved to play in the sand and the sea foam was really popular with them.

This week we learned two new signs. We learned to sign blue and ocean.

Their art this week was a collection of things you find on the beach as well as in the sea.

Please check your day note ever Friday for anything your child may need for the upcoming week. Please be sure to check your child's cubby every Friday for any artwork that may need to go home. Thank you and have a wonderful weekend!



Seal News (Young Toddlers)

This week in the seal room, we had a bunch of exciting activities planned. Ms. Tyler will be going on vacation from Wednesday, July 27th through Sunday, July 30th and will be returning the following Monday. We enjoyed more exciting summer themed crafts like, brush painting lions, tissue paper ice cream cones, and pom pom pineapple crafts.

For fine motor skill development, we worked more with our Legos and waffle blocks in-group settings along with some number blocks stacking. For practical living, we worked on sign language for the word ice cream, we filled the car up with pretend gas, and we worked on learning how handle our board books appropriately.

For music and movement, we sang somewhere over the rainbow and I've been working on the railroad, we also went on a color hunt for the color yellow, and drove our little read car around the playground. For story time, we read Carlo Likes Counting, Where's Baby's Bellybutton, "A Pig Is Big", Wiggle Waggle, and Sometimes Moon.



Penguin News (Toddlers)

This week we decided to go a opposite route and learned about our friend the moon! What a fun week we have had! We started our week off with some wonderful moon focused art. On Monday we put our class babies to sleep in their crib. The children work so hard at getting the babies dressed! They rock them and attempt to sing their favorite nursery rhymes!

Wednesday we decided to make some moon dough. The children loved helping us make it. They loved using their hands to stir the flour and oil together! So much fun! We loved the way our big moons turned out with the puffy pain as well! The children loved dropping the marbles all over the paint to make their moon craters! Thursday we attempted to make our own tent to get cozy in! We would like to say it was sort of a success in all! The children loved being able to lie under the tent and look at their books and play with their loveys! Of course we have been focusing again this week on our ABC's!

We go over everything daily, but we always pick something a week or two to focus on a little extra! We have accumulated some new big alphabet flash cards that have made the alphabet twice as fun! Don't forgot this weekend as you're getting everyone nice and cozy, look out the bedroom window and have a small chitchat about the moon! The color, shape, size, it all makes for a fun conversation to branch off of their school week! Until next week little penguins!





Walrus News

(2 Year Olds)

The Walrus Room had a great week! We really enjoyed doing messy art Monday and free art Friday. The kids had so much fun singing Five Little Monkeys Swinging in the Tree and reading Animal Songs. They love the new songs we are learning called Down On Grandpas Farms and Five Little Ducklings.

The kids had a blast doing the pretend campfire, pajama day and eating the yummy s'mores. We started learning the meaning of yesterday and tomorrow.

The kids are doing great learning and remembering what those words mean. We would like to welcome Avery to our Walrus Room She had a great first week and her

second week she really enjoyed interacting with her new friends and doing center exploration. She is super sweet and the kids love helping her out and making her feel welcome in our room. Have a great weekend and have fun spending time with your families.



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More Classroom News

Dolphin News (3 Year Olds)

The Dolphin room is in full preparation for Fall Semester!

We welcomed Ms. Kathryn this week for a few days, she will be our three-year-old teacher this fall, and officially starts full time Monday August 8!



Ms. Jaszmine will be with our Dolphin Class this upcoming week, until Ms. Kathryn is able to start full time!

We hope everyone got to meet Ms. Kathryn this week, if not she will return full time Monday August 8!

Hermit Crab News (4 year olds)

We had lots of fun learning about amphibians and reptiles this week in the Hermit Crab room! On Monday we learned all about reptiles and made snakes out of paper plates. Everyone enjoyed riding their bikes on Tuesday. We also worked on fine motor skills by

coloring in a picture

of a

crocodile!



On Wednesday we learned all about amphibians and played with turtle stamps for art. We all loved cooling off in the water on Thursday!

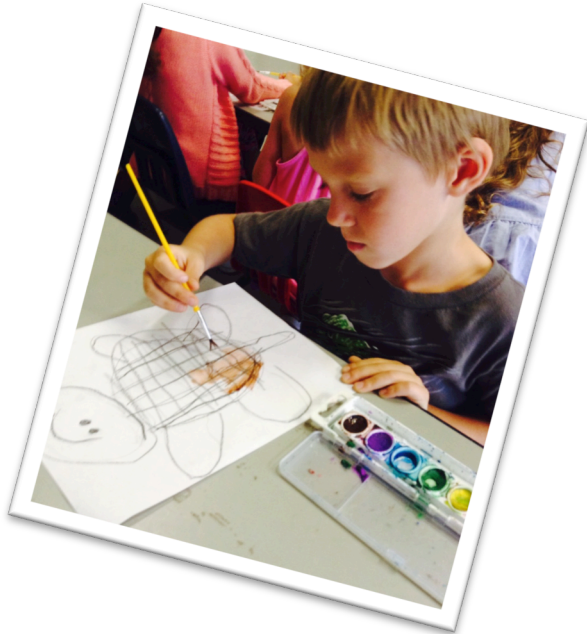
On Friday we learned about the life cycle of a frog. We also had a spirit day where everyone dressed up like his or her favorite book or movie character. What fun!

Octopus News

(Summer Campers)

This week in Summer Camp, we learned all about reptiles and amphibians! We discussed what makes an animal a reptile or an amphibian and compared the two using a Venn diagram. We learned how to draw and alligator, and sponge-painted frogs! We also played leapfrog and pretended to be slithery snakes! Next week we will learn about super heroes! Don't forget the last week of summer camp is

August 19th! Have a great weekend!



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