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Bright Beginnings

# Mill Creek

Weekly Newsletter

## Admissions

We only have 1 more week to have you enter into our Father's Day package! We are so excited for all of you that have entered so far! All you have to do is refer a friend that enrolls or register for fall and we are automatically entering you to win! We are so excited to see you in your 4 person Coleman family tent, laying in your travel hammock and catching a trout with your new fishing poles! If you're thinking of registering or if you have a friend that's looking to enroll – send them our way today! Don't forget to Vote for us now in The Daily Progress Readers' Choice Awards for 2016! We are so excited to have been nominated again this year! Good luck to our sweet graduates and welcome to our new families for Summer Camp! If you have a great testimonial for our program please visit send it to us at Lisa, our Director of Marketing and Admissions at [Lisa@brightbeginningsva.com](mailto:Lisa@brightbeginningsva.com) today!

## Accounting News

July Tuition will be billed on  
June 27<sup>th</sup>!



## News from the Front Desk

Happy Friday! This week has flown by; we hope everyone enjoyed the week! Thank you to all of our parents for bringing in all of the goodies for our staff appreciation lunch!

We would like to welcome the Castens and Susi Families to our little school! We hope your first couple of weeks has gone well.

Thank you to all that joined us for our Graduation Ceremony last friday, and a BIG thank you to our very own Ms. Hollie for all of your hard work in the ceremony preparation!

## Save the Date!

### Summer Camp

**Monday 6/13**

Our Summer  
Camp program  
officially begins!  
Happy Summer!

### School Closing

**Monday 7/4**

Our School will be  
CLOSED for  
Independence Day!

## Classroom News

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

### Starfish News (Infants)

This week the Starfish room enjoyed the beautiful weather! Breck and Aidan enjoyed splashing around during water play, along with Giselle and Harper. Nelson and Lexie enjoyed the warm mornings outside in the green grass. The children for art put on their biggest smiles for the camera and hid in the tall tall grass.

The children listened to the story “The Little Blue Truck”, and enjoyed listening to the song “The Wheels on the Bus”. They really enjoyed watching Ms. Andrea dancing and singing the “Hookey-Pokey”.

Have a great weekend!

### Sea Turtle News (Mobile Infants)

This week in the Sea Turtle room we learned all about nighttime. The babies learned how to identify stars and the moon. They had so much fun doing their night sky and star paintings. This week they also learned a lot of new signs. They learned how to sign quiet, moon, and sleep. They had so much fun with the sensory bin filled with stars. Baby Jacob really enjoyed playing with the silver stars.

The Goodnight Moon book was a really huge hit with everyone. This week we had to say goodbye to another friend for the summer. We will miss you Nate!! Please be sure to check your child's cubby every Friday for any artwork they may need to take home. Please be sure to check your child's day note every Friday for anything they may need for the upcoming week. Thank you and have a great weekend!





## Seal News (Young Toddlers)

This week in the seal room, we enjoyed some sunnier weather. Which in turns means a little more outside playtime for us, so parents please remember to pack a hat or some sunscreen for your little one. For fine motor, we worked on our paintbrush grips, play-doh pokes, who's who, and we enjoyed a new mixing bowl activity.

For gross motor, music, and movement we sang, *"If You're Happy"* and *"Wheels on the Bus"*, we also played stop and go and enjoyed another color hunt. For practical living, we worked on baby sign language for the word "eat", following the leader, more spoon grip practice, and fancy feet. Last but not least, for art, we made turtle crafts, Pom Pom dandelions, cut out butterfly art, crayon flowers, and cut out flower petal paintings.



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## Penguin News (Toddlers)

What a wonderful week to learn about the sea! We have been using our theme to get creative with learning this week, as always! We started the week off with sorting seashells by size. We all got to have a little time at our own private beach/ sea with our sand sensory bin.

We loved making our jellyfish with our tissue paper and glue. The children all did amazing on their father's day gifts. We cannot wait to hand them out next week! Thanks for such a good first water play Friday moms and dads! The children all had a blast running around and getting wet! Please remember that we will be doing this all summer, on Fridays. Next week we will be moving our focus from the sea to the beach! We cannot wait to see everyone there!





## Otter News

(2 Year Olds)

The Otter Room had a great week! The kids really enjoyed their first water play day to kick off the warm sunny weather. Our water play day is every Wednesday each week through the summer. The kids also enjoyed getting outside to go on the nature walk and to explore all the new flowers blooming and we have been going out to check on our garden to see if any of our plants are growing. For art this week the kids enjoy doing the messy Monday art and Friday free art so they can express themselves in their own art of their choice. We have been working on our alphabet each day to recognize them and what each letter stands for. We are also working

on patterns each day with different types of toys so they can recognize how to make a pattern.

We would like to welcome Adelaide's and her family to our class. She had a great first week and enjoyed exploring the classroom and making new friends. All of her friends made her feel very welcome.

Hope everyone had a great week and hope everyone has a wonderful weekend at home with their families.



## Bike Day!

During the Summer Session we have weekly bike days for ages 3 and up! Bring your bike from home, along with your helmet and enjoy 30 minutes of fun in the sun! Check your classroom door for your bike day schedule!



## More Classroom News

### Walrus News (3 Year Olds)

There was lots of fun to be had in the Walrus Room this week! We did some really cool art projects (while improving our hand/eye coordination) Our theme was "Whales", so we made, cut, colored, and glued a bunch of cool whale inspired art projects!

In science we've learned a lot about Whales, and their



behavior. We discussed how it would be to live in the ocean. I got a bunch of insights, and great feedback from the kids, who, by the way, don't even want to live in the ocean!

We played many number games! We enjoyed bike, and water day! Our bike day will be



### Dolphin News (4 year olds)

Our week went "swimmingly"! The theme this week was "ocean animals", so on Monday we colored dolphins for art and painted an ocean for them to swim in on Tuesday. Please check in the hallway to see our ocean! We also painted crabs with our handprints on Wednesday and made collage rainbow fish on Thursday.



We had so much fun going on a hike on Monday, and the kids enjoyed acting silly during yoga on Tuesday! We listed our favorite ocean animals and learned about some unique fish. Kesha loves tiger fish and Hunter likes stingrays! Thursday was our first day for water play. Everyone loved running through the sprinkler. We can't wait to have our first official week of summer camp next week!



# Octopus News

(Summer Campers)

This week in the Octopus Classroom we launched our Summer Semester by learning about all the unique marine life that inhabits the deep blue sea! We learned how to draw an Octopus, (our Class' Mascot,) Learned about Ocean Zones, the Ocean Food Web, and Parts of the Ocean Floor! We also Painted Murals of our favorite ocean animals under water, and observed seashells! Our highlight of the week was getting to start Water Play and bike riding! What a fun week!

