

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

PRESCHOOL

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NEWS FROM THE FRONT DESK:

Happy Friday! This week has flown by; we hope everyone enjoyed Dr. Seuss week, we know the kiddos did!

Please be sure to check out the important dates to the right! Brownie bake off is coming up! We hope to learn who can make the best brownies.

NEWS FROM THE ADMISSIONS DESK:

Family referrals are at an all-time high!! Thank you to our families who are always spreading the good news about our award winning program. Most of our classrooms are currently at a wait list for our Spring Semester- but we may have a few spots left so tell your friends and neighbors about our program! After they enroll for 30 days we'll just take \$100 off of your tuition! Some of you are making lots of money because it's \$100 per family that you refer! Keep it up!

We're planning Summer Camp 2016! For our current and alumni families it's only \$150 per week for full time summer camp! Enroll for the week or for the whole summer! K-2 – up to 10 years old! We're going on field trips – will have a relaxed summer schedule with lots of different new and exciting weekly themes!

Don't forget to "like" our Facebook page under Bright Beginnings Preschool, Charlottesville, VA for up to the minute fun, jokes, photos and more! Like and share our photos for chances to win cool prizes too! Anyone with admissions questions please email our Director of Admissions, Lisa Fischer at lisa@brightbeginningsva.com today!



March 4, 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER!

March 7 –

Open House for Prospective Families, 6:30

Staff Meeting 6:00-7:00

March 14 –

Brownie Bake off!

Parent Advisory Meeting 5:30-6:30

March 21 –

Open House for Prospective Families, 6:30

WHATS NEW?

Baby Sign Language

Yoga

Music Class

Gymnastics/Dance

Spanish Class

CLASSROOM NEWS!!

NEWS FROM OUR PENGUIN FRIENDS:

What a fun week we had! Are theme has been birds and bugs. We want to thank all our parents for bringing in toilet paper rolls for our bird feeders! We had a blast doing them! We also enjoyed painting with fake creepy crawlies and making our own birds. We focused a lot on our counting and ABC's this week at our morning & afternoon meeting! We are so happy that we got out more this week! We enjoyed a bug hunt and even found a couple!

- Please remember to label your children's belongings!
 - Please be sure to cut up all food for your child's lunch, we don't have a way in the classroom to cut things up for your child.
- Thank you!

NEWS FROM OUR STARFISH FRIENDS:

We had so much fun in the Starfish room this week! We were so happy that we finally got to go outside and enjoy some fresh air!! We did most of our curriculum outside because the babies loved it so much! Isaiah and Jacob are getting on there knees and scooting. We are so very proud of them! Olivia and Lev are squirming all around the floor during tummy time. All of the little babies are starting to roll over from tummy to back, which is awesome!! We are so proud of all the accomplishments our babies have done in the last few days. We can't wait to see what they do next week. Since it was Dr. Seuss birthday we decided to have a little fun with art and make red fish blue fish with out hands! They loved having the paint being squished against there little fingers! Please make sure to bring in a jacket each day so we can enjoy the warm weather! Make sure to check your cubby each and everyday and have the name and date on each bottle and food! Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you on Monday! :)

NEWS FROM OUR SEA TURTLE FRIENDS:

This week in the Sea Turtle room it was all about Dr. Seuss and St. Patrick's day! The babies learned how to recognize the color green this week. We did green water play and green paintings. They also learned how to recognize a rainbow, and the colors in a rainbow. This week we also played with a lot of different textures. They felt water, bubbles, pasta and play-doh. Luke really enjoyed playing with the play-doh. Benson enjoyed the green water play. This week we also focused a lot on recognizing and identifying numbers. We started learning one through ten in Spanish. Kazu really enjoys pointing at the different numbers on the number poster. Please be sure to check your child's day note every Friday for anything they may need for the next week. Please be sure to check your child's cubby for any artwork that may need to go home. Thank you and have a great weekend!

NEWS FROM OUR SEAL FRIENDS:

This week in the seal room, our theme was structured around the beloved author, Dr. Seuss', Birthday. A lot of our curriculum for this week is focused on the whimsical works like "The Lorax". Our literature consisted of "Green Eggs and Ham", "ABC", and "The Cat in the Hat". For art we decorated the fox's socks, we made Lorax hand print art, and we painted our own paper hats. For practical living we worked on pointing out which things were green, putting our books back on the shelf, and worked on putting on our hats. We really enjoyed our fine motor activities, which include shake paintings, and more paintbrush grip exercises! Have a great weekend.

NEWS FROM OUR OTTER FRIENDS:

The otter room had a great week! We are so ready for Spring to get here! For art this week we did bottle print flowers, dish brush dandelions, free painting and ladybugs. The kids had fun with gross motor activities like going on nature walk, under the parachute, right side up/right side down, and Jack in the box. The kids had a lot of fun with practical living we pretended to be a Vet and had fun, fun, fun building roads for our cars and trucks to drive on. The kids love story time and love new books, so parents if you have any books you would like to donate to our class we would greatly appreciate it. We are working on learning how to count in Spanish 1-5 and we are doing a color a week, this week we did Red (Rojo)!

Parents we are going to ask for a few items for our classroom wish list- we need glue, permanent makers, washable makers, and masking tape. We also would like to ask you please donate books because the kids really enjoy story time.

Also don't forget March 17th is St. Patrick's Day so everyone wear Green and we will be putting a class list up for yummy green treats to celebrate St. Patrick Day.

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NEWS FROM OUR WALRUS FRIENDS:

This week in the Walrus class we practiced tracing the letter “Bb” and the numbers 1, 2, and 3 in our journals. We counted from 1 – 20 everyday! (They are expert counters 😊) We celebrated the fabulous Dr. Seuss and enjoyed many of his great stories! This week our discussions revolved mostly on classroom manners, our families, telephone manners and I told them some things about myself, and my family! In Science this week we reviewed the seasons, learned about spring and the signs of spring. The kids enjoyed some yoga this week and really enjoyed making Dr. Seuss hats from Strawberries and marshmallows. We are falling into our new routine rather well, and the kids are doing great! Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday.

NEWS FROM OUR DOLPHIN FRIENDS:

It's been a very fun week in the Dolphin room! This week we celebrated Dr. Seuss birthday and it was great. Thank you Ms. Hollie for sharing all of your Dr. Seuss books with our class! For math this week we focused on the number 20 and the class even counted up to 120! In social studies we did map review and we've moved on to a new state. For language arts the class practiced the letter U, went over ABC flashcards and played a short game. Being that it was Dr. Seuss's birthday, we had a short cooking project and the kids LOVED eating green eggs and ham more than they thought they would. They thought it looked very funny, but everyone at least took one bite. Braelynn told the class, "Mommy said I have to take at least one bite of what's in front of me. If I don't like it, I don't have to eat it. At least I tried it!" Thank you for encouraging the class Braelynn. I hope everyone has a great 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!

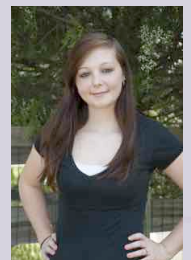
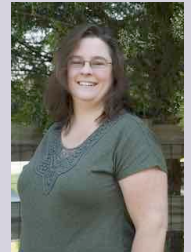
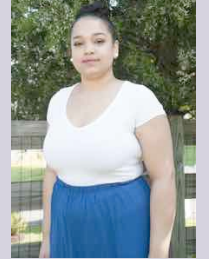
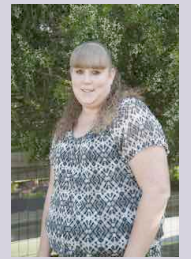
NEWS FROM OUR OCTOPUS FRIENDS:

In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2, the octopus class spent this whole week learning a lot of fun, new things based on his books! On Monday, we practiced our reading skills by looking at Dr. Seuss' "Hop on Pop", and building word families, had a Cat in the Hat drawing lesson, and worked on our gross motor by playing a cat in the hat balancing game. We also talked about what we would do if our parents were out on such a rainy day? (Like the children in the story) On Tuesday we practiced fractions, adding, and subtracting using rainbow goldfish, inspired by Dr. Seuss' "One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish." We also read "The Lorax," and talked about what the moral of the story was. This introduced us to why it is so important to take care of our environment. We also got to make our own Lorax faces! On Wednesday, we celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by making green eggs and ham, and graphing whether we liked them or not. We also read "Dr. Seuss' ABC" and made a wacky word list from A-Z of all the silly Seuss words we found in the stories we have read. On Thursday, we read "Bartholemew and the Oobleck and made oobleck of our own! We also got some life Lessons from "Yertle the Turtle", and our favorite gentle elephant, Horton, and went on an outdoor sound-hunt in the afternoon, inspired by "Mr. Brown can moo, can you?" Finally, on Friday, we got to enjoy a lovely field trip to the Northside Public library! It was so nice to explore such wonderful stories together and learn from them! What a week for fun and learning!

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NEWS FROM OUR MUSIC CLASS: Coming soon!

NEWS FROM SPANISH CLASS: Coming soon!





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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!!

Thank you so much to Charlottesville Pediatric Dentistry for visiting our students this month! We ended our February curriculum and Dental Health month!



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