

# BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

## PRESCHOOL

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### NEWS FROM THE FRONT DESK:

It has been another fun and busy week! Picture orders were picked up Monday and should arrive back in time for Christmas. Thanksgiving celebrations will be held next week, be sure you check your classroom door to see if your turkey party is being held Tuesday or Wednesday. Teachers have been asking parents at pick up and drop off about attendance for next week, please let us know if your child will not be here any day next week, Thank you!

Our floors are being rebuffered and waxed this weekend, and the electricians were out and installed new lighting in our Seal and Penguin classrooms!

We have been working on a new lobby video, and can't wait to share with you Monday! It will contain our very own Octopus classes "How to Cook a Turkey" answers as well as the things they are thankful for! Mr. Tom has also added his special touch with an awesome recording of the kids from Music class!

### NEWS FROM THE ADMISSIONS DESK:

Only 1 week remains for our NO REGISTRATION FEE NOVEMBER!! You can register your child and we'll absolutely skip the registration fee, but only for 1 more week! When you hold your child's spot that secures only YOUR spot for one entire year at any of our three fabulous, locally owned locations. Do you have a baby on the way, now is the time to reserve for 2016! Tours have been registering on the spot daily so don't miss your chance! Have a friend that is looking to enroll for 2016? Don't forget to have them mention you on their tour and we'll give you \$100 referral credit off of your tuition! We always appreciate your support and your fabulous word of mouth referrals!

We give tours daily at 9:30 and 11:00. On your tour we will go over our award winning curriculum, show you our age appropriate and developmentally appropriate classrooms AND playgrounds. Our staff will tell you why WE have been Charlottesville's #1 Preschool since 2009! Take a look at our Facebook page, our YouTube channel, our website and come on by! We'd love to meet you, your little one and hear just why you'd love to be part of our family! Admissions questions? Email our Director of Admissions, Lisa Fischer at [lisa@brightbeginningsva.com](mailto:lisa@brightbeginningsva.com) today!

**November 20, 2015**

### DATES TO REMEMBER!

**November 23** – Pilgrim and Indian Charlie Brown Thanksgiving 10:00am(PreK Only)

**November 24** – Friendship Feast featuring turkey and fruit salad 10:00am (whole school)

**November 25** – Public Schools closed (Drop In's welcome)

**November 26 & 27** – CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving

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### WHATS NEW?

Baby Sign Language

Yoga

Music Class

Gymnastics/Dance

Spanish Class (coming soon!)

# CLASSROOM NEWS!!

## NEWS FROM OUR PENGUIN FRIENDS:

Hello everyone it was a great week in the Penguin room. Thank you all for the family pictures the kids really enjoyed making the Collages! They are hanging outside the room. This week we our theme was "what we are thankful for?". We started to do thanksgiving crafts also and learned about the letter "Nn". For fine motor we enjoyed straw painting, corn bread sensory, handprint tracing, play dough, and watercolor turkeys. For practical living we explored feathers, kitchen play, cleaning up in the kitchen, making a turkey, and we also had a fun-cooking project! We made corn bread the kids love it and they really liked eating it. For art we decorated the letter N, feather turkey plate, turkey brush painting, feather turkey hand and foot painting, and turkey handprints. For reading literature we read "draw me a star", "too many turkeys", "spot thanksgiving", "thanksgiving day", and "5 little turkeys". For gross motor we played red light, green light, 1 2 3, jumping in the leaves, shake it, statues, and tip toe walk.

A reminder to all December 7th is parent conference if you would like to meet the sign up sheet is on the door it's from 5 to 630 if this doesn't work and you want to meet please see me I can meet during nap time. Have a good weekend!

## NEWS FROM OUR STARFISH FRIENDS:

This week in the starfish room we have officially moved back into an 8-student class. It gives us the advantage to work with the ones that are wanting to crawl but aren't there yet. We are focusing this week on fall colors and turkeys. Jacob and Emma-Reese enjoyed moving like turkeys! James H and Emma-Reese are also doing wonderful with trying to crawl and moving around everywhere! When we do circle time in the mornings Olivia and Tommy just smile and laugh at all the silly songs that we sing! Jackson enjoyed feeling all the feathers when we did our classroom feather-painting project, which turned out wonderful! Our song of the week is "head, shoulders, knees and toes" and Isaiah smiles and giggles when we move his arms to his knees and head. We are so proud of all the accomplishments that our students have done this week and we can't wait to see what they do next week! Have an amazing weekend!

## NEWS FROM OUR SEA TURTLE FRIENDS:

This week in the Sea Turtle room we welcome some new friends! Give a warm welcome to Charlie, Maggie, Benson, Nate, and Luke. They are so happy to be back with old friends! On Monday everyone enjoyed playing with oats! We made oat and glue art! The babies just loved it! We also made some adorable little turkeys out of an egg carton and traced handprints. Luke really liked painting his turkey. Our morning meeting this week was really fun! We did the turkey trot and tip toed through the classroom. The kids really enjoyed being sneaky and quiet. Kazu really enjoyed saying, "shhhhhhh". We had a great week!

Please be sure to check your child's cubby at the end of the week, and their day notes for anything they may need. Have a great weekend!

## NEWS FROM OUR OTTER FRIENDS:

The otter room had "Turkey" of a good time this week! The children had fun running around in turkey hats they made saying gobble, gobble. We enjoyed our room full of turkeys. 😊

For art this week we made footprint turkeys, brush turkey craft, handprint boats, handprint wreaths and portraits of what we are thankful for. They also had fun doing turkey poems at circle time. We would like to welcome Clementine and her family to the Otter Room. Noelle and Srinidhi have really been good friends in making her feel welcome. We are super excited that our room is getting full with lots of new friends and families.



Ms. Nancy encouraging Kazu from our Sea Turtle to walk!!

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## NEWS FROM OUR WALRUS FRIENDS:

This week in the Walrus Room we had a great time practicing our turkey song. After practice Lylah broke out her harmonica and we all got down to the twelve bar blues. Look out ladies and gentlemen we have a full fledged rockstar in our room! Speaking of rockstars, our Superstar-Rockstar of the week was the wonderful, the helpful, the creative, Piper! She is one of our older Walrus members and has really shined this year by helping her classmates with and what ever is needed. Thanks Piper! The letter of the week this time was the lovable, long, letter "L". We came up with a thousand words that start with L, much easier than that last week kicking K. During Art we let our creativity explode each day. One day we had so much fun drawing pictures with our fingers in shaving cream. It was a smell good activity. During morning Group Time our Count Down Chain has been getting smaller and smaller. Count down to our friend Michael's Birthday, count down to Thanksgiving, and count down to a nice long weekend, count down to Mr. Tom's vacation!!!!

**\* Mr. Tom will be on vacation from 11/30-12/4, Ms. Taylor one of our sub teachers will be subbing for this week with our walrus friends.**

## NEWS FROM OUR DOLPHIN FRIENDS:

It was a great week in the dolphin room! This week we've started tracing the letter K and the number 10. For art this week we made Indian headpieces, Pilgrim hats and our own crayon melts. For science this week we made a thunderstorm in a cup! The kids loved the experiment! We also spent some time in language arts focusing on vowels, constants, and name recognition and sight words. Nearing Thanksgiving, we had conversations on no thank you bites, chewing, and table talk. To end the week the kids picked out of a hat to be either an Indian or Pilgrim for our Charlie Brown Feast. Have a great weekend!

**\* Ms. Matilda will start on Monday 11/30/15 with 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 talked about our families. We read the stories: "New Baby," "My Mommy Loves Me," "I love you Forever," and "Just Grandma and Me." Thank you so much again to the Osborn family for donating books we could use for our families unit! We also looked at pictures of our families, and talked about who is in each of our families, and how each family is different. We drew family portraits, ate family-style at the lunch table, and created a family tree of each of our families. We also learned how to say the names of different members in our families in Spanish! At the end of the week we discussed why we should be thankful for our families to lead us into our Thanksgiving unit next week!



Tyler from our walrus class showing off his Turkey from his drawing lesson with Ms. Alison!

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## NEWS FROM OUR MUSIC CLASS:

This Week We:

**Started with our welcome song, "I'm So Glad You're Here"**

The class is really enjoying either, singing their names, making up a name, or just making a funny sound.

**Video recording of The Turkey Song**

One shoot, one take, we are professionals

**Tambourine Review**

How to play, what musical family

**Tambourine Song**

Fast, slow, crazy, calm

Objectives:

Exploring Music Video Production

Instrument Instruction

Keeping A Beat

Listing For Music cues within a song

**Music Class with my Toddler Friends**

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The class is really enjoying either, singing their names, making up a name, or just making a funny sound.

**On Top of Spaghetti**

Singing along with this old time classic

**The Turkey Song**

Having fun making turkey sounds

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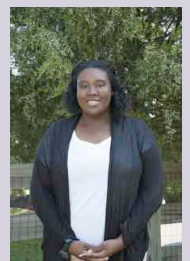
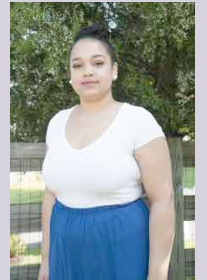
Objectives:

Instrument Exploration

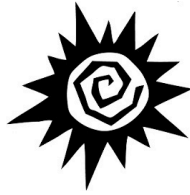
Keeping A Beat

Listing For Music cues within a song

*"Music is the movement of sound to reach the soul for the education of its virtue." Plato*







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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!!

Are you traveling this week to see family? Here is a link to Car Hacks and Tricks for traveling with kids!

<http://kidsactivitiesblog.com/56833/car-hacks-tricks-tips-families>

## 25+ car tricks and tips



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