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NEWS FROM THE FRONT DESK: Lots of events and happenings here this month!! We are so excited for our Chili-Cook off and 50/50 raffle Monday don't forget to sign up! We'll be here from 6:30-8 and can't wait to spend time with you and your family! The playgrounds will be open – we'll have chili, and pizza for the kids! We hope to see you there!

NEWS FROM THE ADMISSIONS DESK: We are busy bees behind the scenes here at Bright Beginnings! We are feeling extra motivated after our conference last week and we have so many new ideas to implement in the next few months! How do you like our music program? Yoga? Baby signing? Thank you to those of you who have given us fantastic reviews on our Facebook and Google+ pages – we love them and as soon as we get them, we share them! So many of our wonderful families hear about us from your referrals so keep up the good work! You may even get a special treat ☺. Do you have a friend that is interested in enrollment? We've got a few spots remaining in our fall program! Know someone looking for a fabulous preschool program? Have them call Lisa, our Director of Admissions at [434-823-7129](tel:434-823-7129) or email lisa@brightbeginningsva.com today!

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October 16, 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER!

October 19 – Chili-Cook-Off,
50/50 Raffle

October 30 – Halloween
Celebrations and Parade, Trick or
Truck – See Signs Posted

October 30 – Public Schools
Closed – School Aged and Morning
Preschoolers – Drop in Day: \$80

November 3 - School Picture
Day

November 4 – School Picture
Day

WHATS NEW?

Baby Sign Language

Yoga

Music Class

Gymnastics/Dance

Spanish Class (coming
soon!)

CLASSROOM NEWS!!

NEWS FROM OUR PENGUIN FRIENDS:

Hello everyone this week we started Halloween and pumpkins! Our letter of week was "I". For morning meeting we sang guess who came to school today, what color shirt are you wearing, calendar, days of the week, counting friends, shapes, colors, ABC, counting 1-10, and recognize names. For practical living we did "baking a pumpkin pie", cleaning up, washing dishes, pushing in my chair and we had a blast going to the playground and picking pumpkins. For art we made candy corn, skeleton handprints, pumpkin patch, toilet paper pumpkins and decorated the letter I. For fine motor we did shape and color sorter, doorknob hangers, pumpkin ooze, pass the pumpkin, and sensory pumpkin and ghosts bags. For gross motor we did pumpkins pumpkins ghost, jump jump, toe touches, ring around the rouse, pumpkin bean bag toss and of course outside play.

Now that the weather is changing and we are wearing jackets please put your child's name inside it so it's easier for us to know who's jacket is who's also a reminder to all please put dates and names on all food and cups this is a license regulation thank you!

NEWS FROM OUR STARFISH FRIENDS:

Boo! It's that time of year again! Everybody in the Starfish room is enjoying making Halloween art! This week we focused on the color orange, for Halloween of course! We all loved making things in the color orange. Oscar loved his Jack-o-lantern and Charlie had the biggest smile on her face when we showed her the finished piece that she made. We strive to start early with introducing them to colors, shapes, numbers, and letters. We count to 10 and say our ABC'S every morning during our circle time. Jacob and Nate enjoy watching Ms. Ashley sing the ABC'S. They always stare with such joy! Everybody is doing so wonderful with crawling and sitting up. Jacob has learned to sit up with a little help. Charlie is taking a few steps while crawling. All of the teachers in the Starfish room are so happy to see the great accomplishments that our babies are doing! Just a reminder to check the cubbies at the end of each day for papers to be sent home. I hope you have an amazing weekend!! :)

Staff Update in the Starfish room: We are sorry to say that Ms. Kayla and Ms. Cinammon resigned from their positions in our Starfish/Sea Turtle room. But we are pleased to introduce you and happy to add to our team Ms. Liz Harris! Ms. Liz has a few years experience working with kids in a home-care setting, this is her first time working in a school setting. Ms. Nancy will continue to help as needed in these rooms!



NEWS FROM OUR OTTER FRIENDS:

The Otter Room had Fun Spooky week!! The children really enjoyed making spooky ghost, witches and funny face pumpkins last week. This week we had lots of fun making jack-o-lanterns in a bottle, candy corn footprints, Popsicle pumpkin puppets, potato pumpkin prints and tissue paper pumpkins. They had so much experiencing with the ooey gooey insides of the pumpkins. We also had fun making pumpkin seed shakers, pumpkin seed art and doing pumpkin carving. They had so much fun during morning meeting ready spooky Halloween books like Two Little Witches, Oscars Grouchy Sounds and I'm not scared. Brinley and Will really like the story I'm not scared and they all love the end of the book when we scream HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!

Check out our Handprint Pumpkins we made last week the children loved making these pumpkins. They enjoy painting their hands.

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NEWS FROM OUR WALRUS FRIENDS:

This week in the Walrus Room we started off by saying, "Hello" and "Hi" to the very friendly letter "Hh". We ended our week with a happy Show & Tell with items such as: headphones, horses, a Haunted House, and a hippo. During the week we rocked it out to some Halloween Songs. We broke out the drums and held the beat as we learned about tempo. For our fast song we played, "Bad Moon Rising" by Creedence Clearwater Revival (words changed a little to suite our friends). For our slower tempo we jammed to, "Wolfman's Brother" by Phish. Another song we had fun with was, "The One Eye, One Horn, Flying Purple People Eater", after singing the song we took to the Art Tables and made our own Purple People Eaters! Thursday was our highlight as the Walrus crew joined our neighbors the Dolphins and Octopus on a field trip to "Adventure Farms". We are enjoying the Fall as we learn about the many things that it has to offer. The greatest Fall thing is the pumpkin! We had a fun time taking a pumpkin survey. Who likes, pumpkin pie, pumpkin ice-cream, or pumpkin seeds? Over all we learned that some people have different taste but we all seem to love the pumpkin!

NEWS FROM OUR DOLPHIN FRIENDS: Attention Dolphin Parents, we are still actively looking for a Full time PreK teacher for this room. Ms. Jaszmine is doing an awesome job with the kiddos and is keeping them very busy with their normal day-to-day activities and schedule! We will keep you up to date on any hiring news for this room as it happens!

NEWS FROM OUR GYMNASTICS CLASS:

In Gymnastics we continue to work on body postures, stretching correctly, gymnastic positions and point toe, flex toe. The kids are all doing great and are enjoying their time with Ms. Cari! Next week we will incorporate dance into gymnastics as well for the wiggly bodies!

NEWS FROM OUR OCTOPUS FRIENDS:

This week in the octopus classroom, we learned all about agriculture, including farm animals such as: cows, chickens, horses, pigs, turkeys, and sheep. We also talked about what farmers do, including the machinery they use to provide us with the food we buy from the grocery store! We read some great literature including "Cows to the Rescue," "Click Clack Moo (Cows that Type)," and "Balloon Farm" along with many great fact-filled nonfiction books about farming and farm animals. In art we made horses out of rectangles, had a cow drawing-lesson, and made cute paper-plate-piggies! In science we observed the texture of corn and observed and discussed farm animals in detail each day. Finally, the highlight of our week was getting to go to Adventure Farm on our field trip, where the students got to pick pumpkins, see farm animals, and go through a corn-maze! Next week we will be learning all about pumpkins!! Have a great weekend and please make sure you are practicing sight words at home with your little one!

CLASSROOM NEWS!!

NEWS FROM OUR MUSIC CLASS:

Preschool

This Week We:

Started with a welcoming song, "I'm So Glad Your Here"

During the song, children were encouraged to share their names and clap along.

Read "Freckles The Frog." and played our game.

Took a look at a book filled with Lullabies.

We sung along with the guitar to "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"

Played a few requested songs from our group

Reflection and Foresight (What we covered and what's up next.)

Objectives:

Terms used:

Lullaby- a soothing [song](#), usually sung to young children before they go to sleep

Listened to melody. (Lullaby has a melody with the intent to sooth.)

Listened for music cues (*both sound and vocal*)

Vocal- Listened for directions as we played a game to "Freckles The Frog"

Toddlers

This Week We:

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

During the song, children were encouraged to share their names and clap along.

Learned different names for the guitar.

Read "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes..." Illustrated by Annie Kubler

After reading the book, we studied the sheet music that was on the back of the book.

Sung and danced to "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes..."

Reflection and Foresight (What we covered and what's up next.)

Objectives:

Terms used:

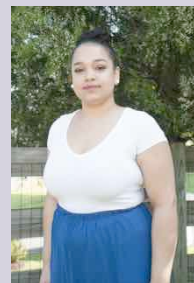
Guitar – Axe, Git-fiddle, the 6-string, nicknames for guitars (B.B. King named his Lucille)

Music Stand

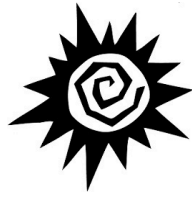
Listened for music cues (*both sound and vocal*)

Vocal – Listened for directions as we danced to "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes..."

"Music is your own experience, your thoughts, your wisdom. If you don't live it, it won't come out of your horn." Charlie Parker



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GOOD NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

October 2015

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!!



Fall is the perfect time for kids to learn about gravity! Leaves, acorns, and pinecones begin to fall and provide great motivation for kids to experiment with gravity. Kids can use STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) skills to create and experiment with simple pom pom drops. Using simple materials you probably already have at home can help kids keep their edge and enhance their critical thinking skills.

Supplies needed: Paper towel rolls, Toilet paper rolls, Scissors, Washi tape, Pom poms, Other types of small balls, such as marbles or bouncy balls.

Begin the gravity lesson by asking them to tape the paper towel rolls to the wall or window in such a way that a pom pom can roll through them. They'll have to cut the rolls in half or cut openings in the tubes so the ball can travel through. There is no "right" way to do this at first. As kids test out their design, encourage them to continue to adjust and add to it to create a fun pom pom drop.

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