



Beginning Visions

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Dear Parents,

2016 has come to an end and 2017 has now arrived! Numerous memories were made this past year here at Beginning Visions for both the families and the staff! Looking forward, we hope to build off of 2016's successes and learn from 2016's failures in order to greater care for your children.

January is a month known for starting anew! This month we will be focusing on the importance of goal setting and how to best accomplish our goals both individually and as a team!

Weather is starting to get cold...remember to bring closed toe shoes, coats, hats, and gloves for the children. State childcare regulations require all children to go outside everyday unless there is an active weather warning for that day.

Included in this newsletter are pictures from this past Christmas, tips on accomplishing goals, and a couple birthdays to mark down on your calendar. Happy New Year!



Figure 1: Mrs. Heather's Class

Upcoming Events

January 9

Ms. Tiera's Birthday!!

January 23

Mrs. Starr's Birthday!!

January 24

3's & 4's library visit

**If we are closed for snow/ice at anytime this winter, it will be posted on FOX 8 and News 2

SMART Goals:

To best accomplish your goals, your goals must be...

S- Specific

M- Measurable

A- Agreed Upon

R- Realistic

T- Time bound

*We encourage you to create SMART goals with your children this year. Maybe read 1 book every month this year, or join a sports team and practice 3 hours a week on your own. Any and every goal will suffice! Challenge yourself!



Figure 2: Christmas Tree Contest Winner: Ms. Robin's Class!



Figure 3: Wishlists for Santa!!



Beginning Visions Welcomes...

Ms. Taylor Dawkins

By now most of you have met Ms. Taylor. She has been working in the afternoons with our infants and floating around to most rooms. She is currently a Nursing student at ACC but is still young and keeping her career options open. We look forward to working with Taylor in this New Year to come!

Ms. Joi Velez Walker

Welcome Ms. Joi (pronounced "Joy") to our Beginning Visions family. She is working with Mrs. Heather and Ms. Zaira in their 2's and 3' class. She is from Mebane where she lives with her husband and 2 children. She was highly recommended to us by Mrs. Starr who has worked with her in the past. We are excited to have her friendly, warm, and laid-back personality on our team. The children are quickly warming up to her and enjoying her in their classroom!



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Dear Parents,

Make room on your fridge, because February will be filled with arts & crafts at Beginning Visions! We also challenge you to make something with your child at home time this month. We sent each family an email that has a fun-filled recipe that your kids will love to help you with! If you are not receiving our emails and would like to, please inform the front office.

Ms. Robin's 3-year-old class celebrated winning the Christmas Tree contest with a pizza party this past month and are excited to see what the Valentine's Day contest will be! In fact, we are all excited!!



Figure 1: Hula Hoop Champion Ms. Taylor

Upcoming Events

February 9

Ms. Taylor's Birthday!!

February 14

3's & 4's library visit

February 19

Ms. Theresa's Birthday!!

Hula Hoop'n into 2017:

Our schoolagers judged our Employee Hula Hoop contest and Miss Taylor won by a landslide!!! She obviously had lots of practice in her earlier years.. Ms. Beth coming in 2nd and Mrs. Valerie and Mr. Robbie figuring out they need ALOT more practice...

We celebrate Miss Taylor's win and the classroom runner up Christmas tree contest with an ice cream party!

"You know, I honestly thought I was going to win. I didn't even prepare, nor did I think I needed to. Who knew Miss Taylor was a pro?? It's disappointing, but I will be ready for the next one. The next Hula Hoop challenge will be June 15th and training is priority #1 for me."



Figure 3: Mrs. Shirley’s class is well informed about washing their hands during “Health & Safety” Week



Figure 2: Mrs. Heather’s class had fun talking about brushing their teeth during “Getting a Fresh Start” Week



Beginning Visions Welcomes...

Ms. April Burnette

Comes to us from Urgent Kids Daycare where she served as Director and teacher of all ages. We are excited to have her in our infant room where she can use her knowledge and experience to care for our bright and quickly growing infants

Beginning Visions Congratulates...

Ms. Misty Nash and Tiera Trollinger have finished their Associate degrees in Early Childhood Education. They have worked extremely hard over the last few years educating themselves to become better teachers. We are all very proud of them. Congratulations to both Ms. Nash and Ms. Trollinger for completing this huge milestone and for their dedication to being lifelong learners! They are both committed to caring and teaching your children and this latest accomplishment demonstrates this!!



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Dear Parents,

This month we would like to highlight some of our children’s February artwork. In order to best showcase their artwork, we decided to keep our words to a minimum. Important information and dates along with a fun St. Patrick’s day recipe can be found on the front and back right columns. You may also notice this month’s newsletter is green... This is no accident!

Upcoming Events

March 12

Spring Forward!! Daylight Savings Time

March 17

St. Patrick’s Day- Be sure to wear green!!

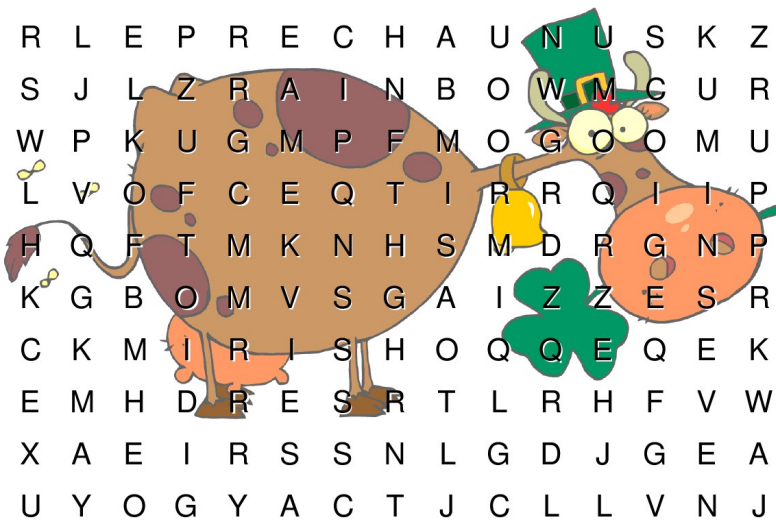
March 21

3’s & 4’s library visit

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St. Patrick’s Day Word Search

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Green	Shamrock	Gold	Luck	Leprechaun
Rainbow	Irish	Pot	Forest	Seven

Leprechaun Bait

Ingredients:

- 1 11oz bag white chocolate chips
- 8 cups Rice Chex
- 1 cup pretzel sticks
- 1 11.4 oz bag dark chocolate mint M&Ms
- Green sprinkles

Directions:

1. In a heat-safe bowl, melt the chocolate chips in the microwave for 30 seconds. Stir and repeat until the chips are melted.
2. In a large bowl add the ingredients. Pour the melted white chocolate over the top and stir until coated. Spread the mixture out over parchment paper and add the sprinkles. Let cool and harden.



Figure 1: Ms. Krysten's 2 & 3 year old class made hot air balloons and airplanes during transportation week!



Figure 2: Three little pigs blew their house down in Mrs. Heather and Zaira's room during Fable week!!



Figure 3: Ms Robin's 3 year old class made river boats!!!



Beginning Visions Welcomes...

Mrs. Shannon

Welcome back Mrs. Shannon! Mrs. Shannon is returning to the BV infant/toddler room. She has worked with us for several years in the past. After taking a yearlong break from childcare, she has returned refreshed and renewed!! Mrs. Shannon has her Associate degree in Early Childcare Education and has a fun, positive, and caring personality that the children just love!!

Important Reminders...

- 1) Look out for summer camp information and sign-up sheets this month. Summer break and graduation for our soon-to-be Kindergarteners is right around the corner!!
- 2) Everyone should have received the Shaken Baby Policy set by the State. Please sign this policy and return it to the office as quickly as you can.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!



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Dear Parents,

March has come and gone and we are already a quarter through the year. This month our classroom theme is "A New Beginning (Spring)." We focus on nature, plant life, air, rain, and sunshine! We look forward to the multitude of arts and crafts each class will make. We also look forward to spending more time outside exploring the nature around us!

This month, we would like to hear your children's best jokes. As you may know, Mr. Robbie is quite the comedian, but he is quickly running out of jokes and needs your help! A few of his best jokes are in this newsletter. Please sit down with your children and come up with some jokes to tell Mr. Robbie the next time they see him. He is taking notes and will reveal the student with the best joke in next month's newsletter!! ****The best comedian also wins a prize!!



Figure 1: Ms. Shannon's class painted chickens last month!

Upcoming Events

The Month of April is...

National Humor Month

April 14

Good Friday- BV is closed

April 18

3's and 4's library visit

April 24th & 25th

Spring Picture Days

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April Fools....

1. What did one eye say to the other eye?
****smells something between us
Don't look now, but
2. Where does the president keep his armies?
****In his sleeves
3. +Knock Knock.
-Who's There?
+Ya.
-Ya Who?
+I'm excited to see you too!!
4. What does a nosey pepper do?
****Gets jalapeño business

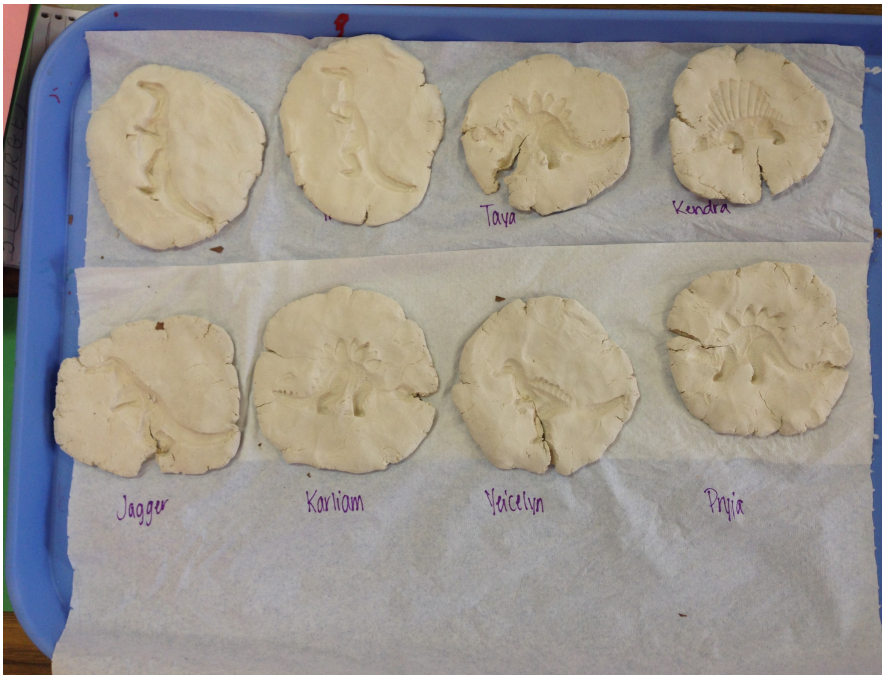


Figure 2: Ms. Sherita's class made dinosaur prints!

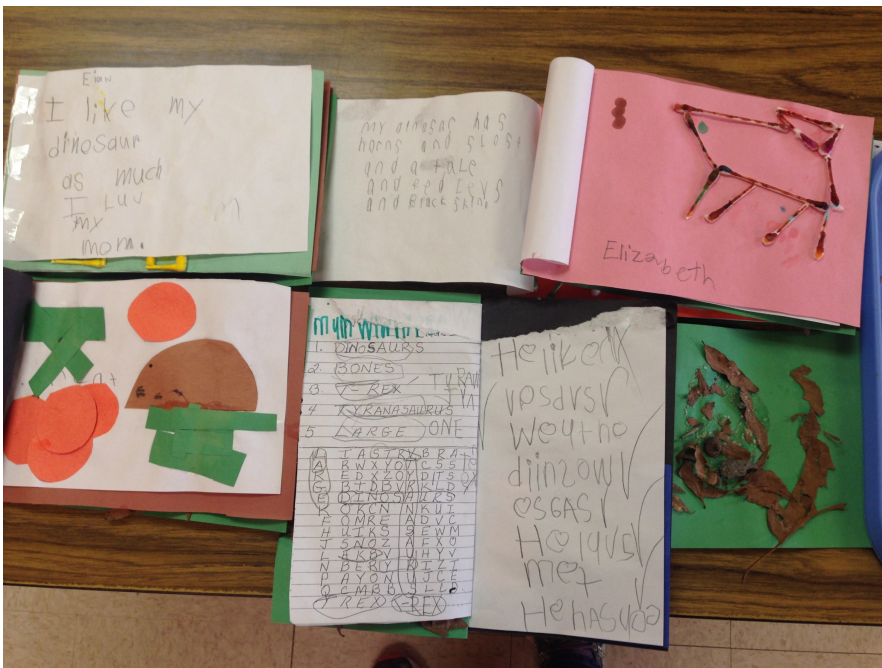


Figure 3: Ms. Dana's class made books describing their favorite dinosaurs!



Ms. Robin's Kitchen...

Fire Ants on a Log

-This fun kid-friendly snack can be made in a variety of ways! This is one way:

Ingredients:

- 5 stalks of celery
- ½ cup of peanut butter
- ¼ cup Craisins

Directions:

1. Cut the celery stalks in half
2. Spread with Peanut butter
3. Sprinkle with Craisins
4. Enjoy!!

Important Reminders...

- 1) Please remember to sign your child in and out of their classroom every day.
- 2) Cap and gowns will be ordered soon and need to be paid for. They are around \$22 for the set.

Happy Birthday to...

Ms. Shannon: 4/12

Ms. April: 4/20



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Dear Parents,

As May arrives, we will be talking about Health Professionals, Police Officers, Fire Fighters, and Community Helpers. We will have a visit from our local Police Department and Fire Truck to talk to the children early on this month and will continue to learn more and more about these vital occupations throughout the month of May!!

We are getting excited about our upcoming summer activities. Teachers are starting to plan out the daily field trips. If you have any exciting ideas for future field trips, please inform your child's teacher. We are always looking for something new and adventurous!

We look forward to another great month shared with both you and your children!!



Figure 1: The schoolagers playing an intense game of Twister... Does anyone remember who won??

Upcoming Events

May 1- 5

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 29

Memorial Day- BV Closed

Recognizing Our Teacher's Hard Work:

This month we need your help with telling our teachers when they are doing a great job! Starting Monday May 1st through the 5th, there will be a colored folder outside each teacher's classroom door. With colored coins next to it.

If you as parents along with the BV management see something you really like, grab one of the coins and put it in the folder.

At the end of the week we will add them up and whichever teacher has the most coins will win a pizza party for their classroom!!

Please help us show that we appreciate what our teachers do for the children on a daily basis. The coin drops can be anonymous, but we encourage you to tell the teacher what it is that you appreciate they did for your child that day!

Thank you for your help!!

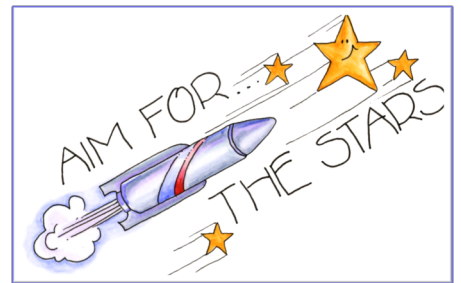


Figure 2: Ms. Jeannette and her class creatively expressing themselves, as they do daily!!

I Spy...

- Blue Car 
- Lake or River 
- Stop Sign 
- A Person Walking 
- Dog 
- Traffic Light 
- Airplane 
- Yellow School Bus 

How many of these objects can you find during the month of May??



May Memorization Challenge

Mr. Robbie is offering a special prize to the kids who can recite this poem from memory... Are you up to the Challenge??

May

"April Showers bring May flowers

That is what they say

But if all the showers turned to flowers

We'd have quite a colorful day!!"

Important Reminders...

- 1) Please remember to sign your child in and out of their classroom every day.
- 2) Graduation is on Thursday, June 8th, from 4pm to 6pm at Trinity Worship Center. Our 4 year olds will practice June 5th, 6th, and 7th.

Happy Birthday to...

Ms. Robin Hall: 5/5

Ms. Mary: 5/13

Ms. Zaira: 5/28



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Dear BV Families,

Thank you for the overwhelming amount of gifts and love each of you showed during teacher appreciation week. We appreciate the gifts, but also really enjoyed the AWESOME baked potato bar, salad, and the many desserts! We are truly grateful for the opportunity to know each of the children and their families on a personal level here at BV! We look forward to spending the summer months with you!!

Upcoming Events

June 8th

Graduation- Trinity Worship Center: 4pm-6pm

June 12th

Camp Discovery Begins

July 4th

Beginning Visions- Closed



Events in the Community:

June 16th

Powerade State Game ~ BMX
Free Admission

[facebook.com/poweradestategames](https://www.facebook.com/poweradestategames)

June 23rd

Midsummer Meltdown at Ace Speedway Adults -\$12, Children 7-12 \$4, Children under 6 Free

www.acespeedway.com

****Attention Parents:**

If there is a community event, fundraiser, or workplace sponsored engagement you think other BV families will enjoy, please inform the office staff and we will gladly spread the word!!

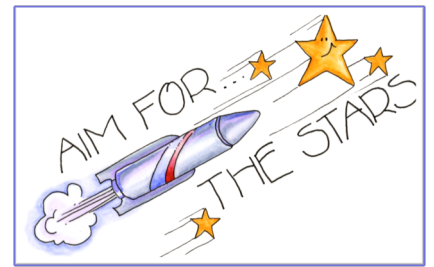
Figure 1: Mrs. Stephanie, Mrs. Tabitha, and Mrs. Angie's toddlers crafted Cows and Flowers. Wow!!



Figure 2: Mrs. Starr and Miss Misty's rockets.... To infinity and beyond!!!



Figure 3: Our amazing teachers were in the spotlight this month!! Thank you teachers for caring for our children daily!



Shout-outs from Mr. Robbie...

Shout-out to Ian and Kensington in Mrs. Shirley's 3's & 4's class... They both demonstrated they can count to 100! Whoa!!

Shout out to Mrs. Robin... She is teaching her class Spanish!! Buen trabajo y apreciamos tu trabajo!!

Shout-out to Ms. Beth... We all know how much you mean to Beginning Visions but you rarely get recognized for your positive impact. Thank you Ms. Beth for your years of selfless service and for coaching, teaching, and guiding both our students and our staff!!

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Happy Birthday to...

Ms. Michelle: 6/2

Mrs. Valerie: 6/9

Mrs. Joi: 6/18

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Dear Parents,

Beginning Visions CDC Graduation was a success and now we are in full swing with summer activities and field trips! Some field trips to look forward to this month are Wheels Fun Park, Safari Nation, Lazy 5 Ranch, Pool days, Durham and Greensboro's Life and Science Centers, Defy Gravity, and many more!

*July 13th - The schoolagers will be baking and selling all kind of goodies for purchase this afternoon at pick up time.

*July 25th - The schoolagers would LOVE for you to come by with your car/vehicle and get it all cleaned up for a donation.

The money raised from these two events will go towards their plan for their end of the year celebration! Thank you for your support!! These 2 events are a couple of our favorites! It teaches the children the responsibility of earning money towards something they want and then figuring out how to count it, keep up with it, and budget for what they want to do. It is a great and rewarding learning experience! Please help us to make it a success for them.



Figure 1: Mrs. Heather, Stephanie, and Joi's class on water playday!



Upcoming Events

July 4

Beginning Visions Closed

July 7

Ms. Kalen Massey's Birthday!!

July 13

Annual Schoolager Bake-Sale

July 25

Annual Schoolager Carwash

Who's Birthday is it??

"Some birthdays come in winter, Some birthdays come in spring.

On birthdays there are games to play And lots of songs to sing.

My favorite birthday is in July, And it doesn't belong to me!

It's the birthday that lights up the sky, For all the world to see!

Rockets glare, trumpets blare, And bands begin to play.

Happy Birthday America, It's Independence Day!"

-Author Unknown



Figure 2: Ms. Zaira's and Ms. Ashley's 2's pet collage



Sunscreen Announcement

If you feel your child has been getting too much sun so far this summer, please apply a 12-hour sunscreen on them prior to bringing them to daycare. We will continue to enjoy our time outside. Thank you!

Shout-outs from Mr. Robbie...

We wanted to give a special shout out to Ms. Tiera and Ms. Krysten for planning some new and cool Olympic games this year. Everything from bowling competition to water races to Bean Boozle with Mr. Robbie and Mrs. Valerie! The games will continue all summer long and the kids are having a blast! We will let you know which is the winning team at the end of the summer. Will it be America, Asia, Europe, Africa or Australia???

Keep up the magnificent work Ms. Tiera and Ms. Krysten!!



Figure 3: The 2017 BV Summer Games representatives!



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Dear BV Families,

The summer is flying by and school will be starting back soon. Many field trips were enjoyed, friends were made, and good times were had! We look forward to continuing this trend into the new school year!

According to our Schoolage Money Collectors, Adrian and Gabriel, the Schoolagers made \$150 at their bake sale and then worked hard at their car wash and made an additional \$61 to go towards their end of summer celebration! Great Job!! Thank you to all the parents that donated to the bake sale or came by for the car wash to help our schoolagers out!!



Figure 1: Mason proudly showing everyone his class' turtles!!

Upcoming Events

August 13th

International Left-Handers Day!!

August 28th

Beginning Visions' "Class Move-Up" and 1st day of school

August 31th

Annual Registration Due

Outdoor Events in the Community:

August 5th

Groovin' on the Green Concert
www.gibsonville.net/depotstageconcerts

August 17th

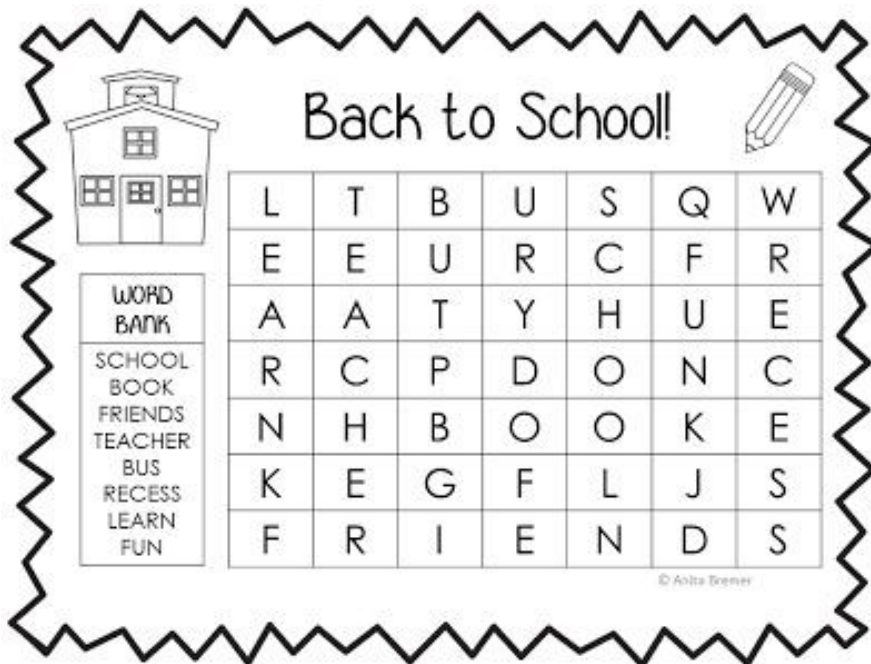
Get Hiking! @ Cedarrock Park
*Only for ages 8+
www.ci.burlington.nc.us/1323/Outdoor-Programs

August 29th

Sunset Paddle @ Guilford Mackintosh
www.ci.burlington.nc.us/1323/Outdoor-Programs



Figure 2: Mrs. Shirley's class learned how to make homemade lemonade and recorded what each child thought of how it tasted!!



Shout-outs from Mr. Robbie...

Mr. Robbie's shoutout goes to Mrs. Tabitha and Mrs. Angie in BV's Toddler class.

We receive so many compliments for this team of teachers every week! They do a great job with this challenging, busy, and energetic class. The abundance of artwork they plan keeps the children entertained and happy! Just stop by and let Mason show you the turtles they made, he is so PROUD!!!

Thank you Mrs. Tabitha and Mrs. Angie!!

Important Reminders...

- 1) Annual Registration is due by August 31st
- 2) Please turn your family's annual update information sheet and food sheets as well
- 3) If you are not getting our monthly emails make sure to let the office know. In the upcoming winter months, this will come in handy in case of any weather delays or closings. Thank you!

Happy Birthday to...

Mrs. Heather Page: 8/7



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Dear Parents,

Summer at Beginning Visions has ended and school is back in session! We are excited to begin a new season of encouraging growth in your infants and toddlers and supporting your preschoolers and schoolagers as they hit the books this school year!

As always, the staff at Beginning Visions appreciate the sacrifices you as parents make for your children and want you to know it does not go unnoticed. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to make a positive difference in the life of your children. We will continue to our best in supporting and caring for your children while here at Beginning Visions.



Figure 1: We sure are happy to see the toddlers/2's every day!!

Upcoming Events

September 4

BV closed for Labor Day

September 8

3's & 4's go to Gibsonville Library

September 16

Ms. Beth gets MARRIED!!!

Mr. Robbie's Riddles...

I'm light as a feather, yet the strongest man can't hold me for more than 5 minutes. What am I?

-breath

What building has the most stories?

-library

What two things can you never eat for breakfast?

-lunch and dinner

What belongs to you but others use it more than you do?

-your name

What starts with an e but only has a single letter in it?

-An envelope



Figure 2: Mrs. Robin's new class enjoying the Merry-Go-Cycle!



Figure 3: Our schoolagers showing off their oceanic artistic abilities!!

Beginning Visions Welcomes...

Mrs. Joan, Miss Jazmyn, and Miss Justice!

Mrs. Joan comes to us with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Development. She will be working with our 4's with Miss Jazmyn, who also comes to us with a 4-year degree in Education. We are excited to see this team prepare our 4-year-old students for Kindergarten. The children are loving their kind, easy-going, fun, and nurturing attitudes. Miss Justice has been with us a few weeks now and has proven to be a very conscientious, fun, and friendly teacher. We are excited to see her grow as she will start her education with her Early Childhood Credentials soon. Alongside Mrs. Angie, they make an effective team!

Happy Birthday to....

Ms. Sherita: 9/11

Mrs. Angie: 9/17

Mrs. Beth: 9/26

Mr. Robbie: 9/27

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Dear BV Families,

Fall is finally here!! In October, our classrooms have a special trick or treat activity and will have Fall parties. Look for details posted in their classroom and be sure to come join in on the classroom fun if your schedule allows. We will also talk about the fall colors, study leaves, acorns, cool weather, foods we harvest and eat during fall, farms, and farm animals. Look for beautiful or one-of-a-kind leaves at your home and please share with the class!



Figure 1: Our teachers have been waiting all year to bring out the Fall decorations!!



Upcoming Events

October 13th

3's & 4's Library Field Trip Day

October 19th

Class Pictures

October 31st

Classroom Fall Parties

Outdoor Events in the Community:

October 7th

Fall Family Fun Night

www.visitalamance/cvb-events/fall-family-fun-night-7/

October 14th

Gibsonville Fall Festival

www.gibsonville.net/gibsonvillefallfestival

October 27th

2nd Annual Downtown Graham Pumpkin Bash

www.visitalamance/cvb-events/2nd-annual-downtown-graham-pumpkin-bash/



Figure 2: A few of our schoolagers exchanging letters they addressed and wrote to each other!



New BV Program: “Healthy Me, Healthy We” ...

We are excited to be starting a new program with our 3's and 4's at our center. Some of our younger children may see a few activities and materials throughout the month as well. This Monday, October 2nd will be our kick off day. It is called "Healthy Me, Healthy We." It is about eating smart and more active play. Look out for more information in your classrooms and talk to your children about what they learn. You can find more about it at HealthyWe.org or come by the office for a flyer!!

Mr. Robbie's Jokes of the Month...

What do ghosts like for dessert?

- scream!!

What do witches put on their hair?

- Scare Spray!!

Happy Birthday to...

Mrs. Tabitha: 10/3

Mrs. Shirley: 10/18

Ms. Jeannette: 10/30



Figure 3: Congratulations to Mrs. Beth and her husband!!



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Dear Parents,

October was filled with arts and crafts, Halloween activities, and numerous other enjoyable ventures and we hate to see it come to an end...

Fortunately, November brings more of the same! The month may bring chillier weather, but that doesn't stop our classes from having a blast here at Beginning Visions! Our November days will be focused on the importance of family and friends, open discussions about our homes and neighborhoods, and reflecting on the history of the American Indians and the Pilgrims! We will continue to play outside when possible so please do not forget to bring appropriate Fall attire when dropping off your children.

This Month we have included some of our center's best Halloween costumes and artwork. Be sure your family is receiving our emails. There are more fun pictures there!

Thanks for your patience with the playground reconstruction. Hopefully, it will be finished soon!

Just a friendly reminder to **set your clocks back an hour the night of November 4th** ... That extra hour will be much appreciated by the BV staff and I'm sure your families agree!!

We hope you and your families have a wonderful Thanksgiving and we can't wait to hear about how much your children enjoyed it!!

Upcoming Events

November 3

Library Day for the 3 and 4-year-old classes

November 12

International Tongue Twister Day

November 23-24

Beginning Visions is closed for Thanksgiving

November Birthdays:

November 6

Happy Birthday Ms. Robin Ray!!

November 17

Happy Birthday Miss Misty!!

Mr. Robbie's Tongue Twisters: (Can you say them ten times fast??)

Ten Tricky two-toed turkeys trotted on the table

Greedy gobblers grabbed the gravy

Peter Pilgrim picked a peck of pickled peppers. Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Pilgrim picked?

Good Luck!!



We LOVE Fall!!

The Princess and the Frog

What kind of money do they use in Star Wars? → Starbucks!

Goblins, Aliens, and Ghouls... Oh My!!





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Dear Parents,

The new year is almost here! This year sure has gone by quickly. The children are another year older and we are proud of each and every one of them!!

This December we have a couple of activities planned that you as parents do not want to miss! The first is an ugly Christmas sweater day on December 20th. Our teachers claim to have some of the tackiest Christmas sweaters around. However, grandparents are known for the crazy clothing they gift to their grandchildren each year... Please remind your children to wear their showiest threads!! We will also have our annual classroom Christmas parties for each class. Please look for the snack signup sheets on each classroom door.

November was filled with showing thanks; This December let's focus on helping others! If you know a family or friend with a special need, please inform the front office and we will try to find a way to help!

Upcoming Events

December 8

3's and 4's library visit

December 25

Beginning Visions is closed for the Christmas holiday

January 1

Beginning Visions is closed for New Years

3 Christmas Fun Facts:

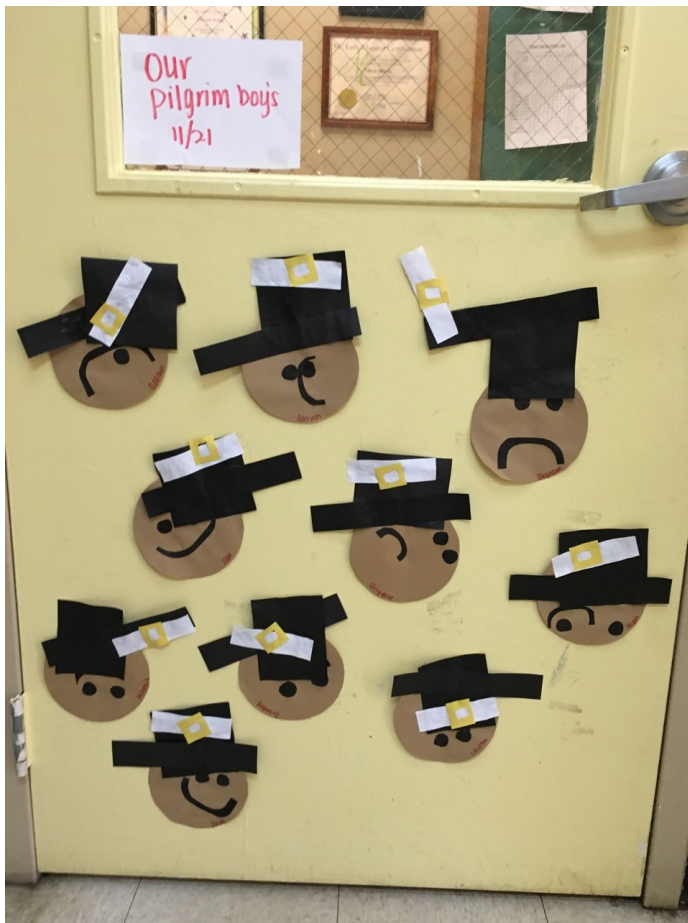
1. Santa has 9 reindeer: Comet, Cupid, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Doner, Blitzen, and ofcourse Rudolph!
2. Santa Claus has many names: Kris Kringle, St. Nicholas, Grandfather Frost, and Father Christmas
3. The biggest Christmas present of all time is the Statue of Liberty. The French gave it to the USA in 1886 as a gift!!



Mrs. Starr's class made hand turkeys! Gobble Gobble!!



Ms. Robin making Christmas ornaments with her class!!



Mrs. Heather's class made pilgrims... Some are sad, some are silly, but all are thankful!!



BV Christmas Caroling...

We wish you a merry Christmas, we wish you a merry Christmas, we wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year

Chorus: Good tidings we bring to you and your kin

Good tidings for Christmas and a happy new year

Now bring us some figgy pudding, now bring us some figgy pudding, now bring us some figgy pudding and a cup of good cheer

(chorus)

We won't go until we get some, we won't go until we get some, we won't go until we get some, so bring some out here

(chorus)

We hope you and your families will enjoy this Christmas holiday and will grow closer to one another during this season of giving!!