

SAVE THE DATES

May 4th-8th

Teacher Appreciation Week

Sun., May 10th Mother's Day!

Mon., May 25th SCHOOL CLOSED

Memorial Day

Thurs., June 4th LAST DAY SCHOOL

& Current VPK Graduation

@ Pine Jog Elementary School

Mon., June 8th Summer VPK Starts

Jun. 8th-12th SUMMER CAMP

Week 1 - Sign-up now! Ages 5-12

CURRICULUM

Review our letters

Graduation

Rehearsal

SPECIAL LEARNING:

Gardens & Mother's Day

Week 1: How do Flowers Grow

Week 2: Planting Seeds

Week 3: Roses

Week 4: Bees

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN PAY TUITION ONLINE?

www.tuitionexpress.com

DON'T KNOW WHAT TO REQUEST FOR A BIRTHDAY OR SPECIAL OCCASION GIFT?

How about a GIFT CERTIFICATE for use at our center! Great for tuition, camps, aftercare, evening care... Ask at the front desk for more information!



Get info about our school at:
www.brightbeginningsprep.com

The Neighborhood Gardener

http://gardeningolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/newsletter/2012/more/summer_kids.shtml

Now that summer is here, keep your kids busy outdoors with some educational gardening projects. Gardening can be fun for the whole family, and there are plenty of projects you can do with your kids that will instill a love for gardening and the outdoors. Kids love to get dirty, so create some opportunities for them to do that.

- **Plant seeds.** Children love watching the little plants grow into beautiful flowers and tasty vegetables.
- **Invite butterflies to your garden.** Butterfly gardens are always a big hit with kids. As you choose plants together, you can teach them about larval and nectar plants, and talk about the benefits of insects. Later you'll watch butterflies flock to the flowers. See Butterfly Gardening in Florida for more information.
- **Build a birdfeeder or create a toad house.** Kids like feeling handy and will get a kick out of watching for creatures that take advantage of their handiwork.
- **Make a fort or hideout.** They provide kids with the perfect place to play in the yard and create their own magical adventures.
- **Build a vine teepee** together for them to use as a fort.
- **Scout for insects.** Most kids love learning about creepy crawlies, so teaching those that are old enough to scout for insects can be a fun summer activity.
- **Build a tree house (the right way).** Tree houses are a lot of fun for kids, but built incorrectly, they aren't much fun for the tree. Driving nails and bolts into a tree can damage it, and tying chains or ropes around branches may eventually cut off growth. Instead, build an unattached, freestanding tree house from the ground up for a tree-friendly play area at leaf level. Ropes, ladders, and bridges can connect the tree house to the tree for maximum enjoyment of the tree's canopy.
- **Organize a nature scavenger hunt.** Use items such as pinecones, certain shaped leaves, certain colored flowers, etc.—whatever is available in your yard or nearby park.



Florida FREE VPK Enrollment Now Open! Check with our front desk for availability.

SIGN UP for one or ALL of our SUMMER ADVENTURE WEEKLY CAMPS!

Weekly camp available June 8th to August 21st. Evening Care available too!

DID YOU KNOW WE OFFER AFTERCARE?

AGES 5-12 YEARS OLD!

Our aftercare is available 5 days a week. We DO provide pick-up service from most area schools.

We offer:

- Teacher assisted homework
- Arts & crafts
- Enrichment activities & more
- Computer room
- Games
- Snacks provided

To register or get more information, ask at our front desk or call us at 561-629-8005.



DID YOU KNOW YOU WE OFFER EVENING CARE?

Mon. thru Fri. 6pm to 11:30pm.

We offer drop-in, babysitting services, date night, night shift hour care. Dinner and snacks included! Ask at the front desk to see how we can provide your child great care that fits your schedule – at great rates!

NOW OFFERING

EVENING CARE!

GREAT NEWS!
Bright Beginnings now offers
EVENING CARE Monday thru Friday from
6pm-11:30pm!

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Take a minute to "LIKE" us on Facebook so you will get the latest news, event info, center information and more!

Facebook.com/BrightBeginningsFlorida



SUMMER CAMP – A LEARNING EXPERIENCE!

General camps are what many parents experienced as children – sports, games, arts & crafts, plenty of free play and often a weekly field trip to a nearby swimming pool, park or other community destination. Summer

camp is an opportunity for your child to explore a world bigger than his/her neighborhood and a chance for you and your child to practice "letting go." Letting go allows children to develop autonomy and a stronger sense of self, make new friends, develop new social skills, learn about teamwork, be creative, and more. This time also allows parents an opportunity to take care of themselves so that they will feel refreshed when their child returns home! **Sign-up for one or more of our Summer Camp weekly sessions – for ages 5-12 years old!!** **Bring a friend – ask at our front desk about referral \$ credits towards!**



READY FOR KINDERGARTEN?

<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/what-to-expect-grade/ready-kindergarten>

If your child's preschool years are coming to an end, your thoughts are probably turning toward kindergarten. But is your child ready to move on to the "big" school? What skills do kindergarten teachers expect their new students to have? To help answer those questions (and ease your mind), we've asked highly regarded kindergarten teachers from around the country to share their insights on helping your child gain the right mix of kindergarten-readiness skills.

The skill sets they are looking for might surprise you. Because of the national focus on improving education and meeting standards, you might think that it's most important for children to enter kindergarten knowing their ABCs, numbers, shapes, and colors so they can keep up with the curriculum. While teachers would love children to come in with some letter and number recognition, they don't want you to drill your kids on academic skills. There are equally – if not more – important readiness skills that set the stage for your child's learning. Raising an eager learner is the goal, and it can be achieved easily through play and day-to-day activities. The top readiness skills that kindergarten teachers look for are:

- Enthusiasm Toward Learning
- Solid Oral-Language Skills
- The Ability to Listen
- The Desire to Be Independent
- The Ability to Play Well with Others
- Strong Fine-Motor Skills
- Basic Letter and Number Recognition

"I look for those qualities that prime children to be successful in school," says Kim Hughes. Does the child approach learning enthusiastically? Is she eager to explore and discover? Does she ask questions, take initiative, and persist when tasks are difficult? "Parents can set aside a little time each day to investigate the world with their preschooler and answer those endless questions," says Sandra Waite-Stupiansky. As you drive or walk along in the park, point out your child's surroundings – the different trees or the various birds at the feeder. Demonstrate how things work. "You'll help your child develop beginning science skills – the ability to form a hypothesis, test it out, and come up with new questions and theories," Waite-Stupiansky explains. "The more kids notice, the more curious they'll become. And we'll be building on that curiosity in kindergarten." Most important, always keep the focus on fun. "Relax, and enjoy your children," Mosier says. "Read, play, and go places. And talk the whole time you're doing it!"

BIRTHDAY CORNER A special HAPPY BIRTHDAY goes out to...



Luis N. – May 4 th	Jayden C. – May 12 th	Joseph K. – May 23 rd	Isabella M. – May 26 th
Adrian J. – May 7 th	Alezandra N. – May 14 th	Gavin R. – May 23 rd	Shaleijha F. – May 27 th
Aiden J. – May 7 th	Juan C. – May 16 th	Kandel D. – May 24 th	Mylin K. – May 28 th
Scarlett W. – May 10 th	Katherine M. – May 16 th	Jakecob V. – May 24 th	Ms. Ingrid – May 20 th !