



NEWS CONNECTION

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A GREAT START

SAVE THE DATES

May 1st-5th – Teacher Appreciation Week

May 11th & 25th – Kona Ice

Sun., May 14th – MOTHERS DAY

Mon., May 29th – Our center will be CLOSED for MEMORIAL DAY

Thurs., Jun. 1st – VPK Graduation Ceremony 6:15pm @ Pine Jog Elementary

Mon., Jun. 5th – SUMMER CAMP STARTS!

MAY CURRICULUM

CREATIVE

Week 1: How Do Flowers Grow

Week 2: Planting Seeds

Week 3: Bees

Week 4: Flowers/Roses

IT STARTS WITH THE LETTER PEOPLE

Week 1: Dinosaurs Long Ago with Mr. O

Week 2: Exploring Sounds with Ms. J

Week 3 & 4: Letter People REVIEW

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May 2017

10 Things You Can Do This Summer To Get Your Child Ready For Kindergarten

readbrightly.com

Countdown to

Kindergarten

The summer is the perfect time to help prepare your child for the transition to kindergarten. Here are some things you can do at home to get them ready.

1. Be Chatty. Parents who regularly interact with their children build their children's word bank. Whether at the grocery store, the park, or on a walk, those back-and-forth conversations are so important. Keep them up. The more words your child knows, the better she'll do academically.

2. Read Aloud. Reading to your child teaches her many things that we adults take for granted. Kids learn basics such as how to hold a book, left to right reading, wondering what will happen next, and discovering new words. Read aloud every day.

3. Practice Independent Tasks. When your child is at school without you, he needs to be able to do the following things independently:

- going to the bathroom (unbuttoning and fastening pants)
- dressing (changing clothes, zipping coats, and fastening shoes)
- eating lunch (opening juice boxes)
- separating from parents
- knowing his full name and phone number
- following two-step directions

4. Do Dress Rehearsals. Prepare your child for what to expect in kindergarten. Have play dates with classmates. Tour the school. Talk about what to expect during a school day. Play "kindergarten" at home. Think of a fun way to say good-bye and hello, maybe a secret handshake to do when you drop off and pick up. Above all, be enthusiastic about the upcoming school year.

5. Play and Learn. Children learn through play. When your child plays, you can weave in learning by introducing new words and concepts, and helping her stretch her thinking. Here are some examples of what you could say if your child is playing with cars.

- "Let's see if we can draw a car."
- "Let's build our own car."
- "How many cars do you have?"
- "How many of the cars are green?"
- "What other words rhyme with car? How about star?"
- "What letter sound does car start with?"

6. Practice Facts and Figures. Can your child count to ten? How about recognize any numbers when written? Work on these skills as well as knowing basic shapes, colors, and sorting for numeracy readiness. For literacy readiness, be sure your child knows the alphabet, how to write her own name, and at least some of the letter sounds.

7. Take Field Trips

Studies show that children with a wealth of background knowledge have better vocabularies and more advanced reading skills. So believe it or not, even trips to the zoo, shopping at the farmers market, or adventures at the beach count as kindergarten prep. They're building your child's background knowledge!

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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

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



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8. Focus On Big and Small Movements

Fine motor skills and gross motor skills take intention and repetition. Practice cutting and drawing lines — both squiggly and straight — to build those fine motor skills. For gross motor skills, help your child hop, jump, run, kick a ball, and catch a ball. Watch his balance and coordination improve as you practice these skills.

9. Emphasize Socialization

Keep up those play dates with other kids. It's important your child know how to take turns, share, listen, and cooperate with others. If he lacks in any area, give him opportunities to practice. Continue to help your child learn about feelings and what is acceptable behavior.

10. Don't Forget About Sleep

About a month before kindergarten starts, sync bedtime and wake-up times to the upcoming school schedule. Five-year olds need about 11-12 hours of sleep per day to be ready to learn.

VPK GRADUATION – THURSDAY, JUNE 1st 6:15pm

Pine Jog Elementary 6315 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Children need to be at Pine Jog no later than 6:15 p.m.

Extra Tickets: \$5.00 Each

What you need to know:

- Please make sure your child goes to the bathroom before they get there.
- **Food:** Do not have a heavy meal prior to the ceremony.
- Have you child dressed in their graduation cap and gown before arrival.
- **Hair:** All girl's hair needs to be worn **down**, no top braids or high pony tails
- **Dresses:** No large fluffy dresses, as their gowns will not fit
- **Shoes:** No high heels or sandals



SUMMER CAMP 2017 – STARTS June 5th!

Sign-up for one or more of our **Bright Beginnings Summer Camp weekly sessions** – for ages 5-12 years old!! We offer weekly themes, outdoor fun, field trips and more! **Bring a friend – ask at our front desk about referral bonuses!**



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

MAY

Sienna E. 5/6
Kai C. 5/7
Samantha V. 5/7
Irie T. 5/8
Scarlett W. 5/10
Vincent G. 5/12
Dominic N. 5/13
Kennedie P. 5/14
Camila L. 5/15
Olivia H. 5/16
Nayela M. 5/16
Raquel F. 5/17
Michael R. 5/17
Dawson S. 5/17
Natalia J. 5/21
Alice D. 5/23

Joseph K. 5/23
Cameron T. 5/28
Grace Y. 5/28
Maleek M. 5/29
Brandon E. 5/31

JUNE

Mia A. 6/7
Jayden F. 6/11
Tania M. 6/16
Bryan O. 6/13
Michael P. 6/13
Saory M. 6/21
Cindy A. 6/28

JULY

Tiffany E. 7/1
Jadon V. 7/1
Aryana H. 7/3
Brooklyn F. 7/4
Abigail S. 7/8
Jasmine C. 7/9
Inna D. 7/9
Bryce P. 7/16
Otutt T. 7/17
Ava S. 7/18
Janiya S. 7/25

AUGUST

Valerie G. 8/7
Anthony B. 8/8
Matthew O. 8/8
Lourdes S. 8/8
Sharon C. 8/9
Jackson C. 8/10
Dylan R. 8/11
Lia A. 8/13
Janesse L. 8/16
Olivia G. 8/19
Valerie G. 8/25
Jaidan M. 8/30

