



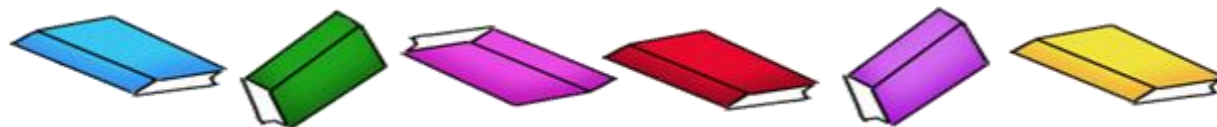
From the Desk of: Jeamary Garcia, CDS  
Language and Literacy



Language and literacy begin in infancy as babies are programmed from birth to communicate. While the development of language is instinctive, it does require attention, repetition and approval from loved ones to flourish.

We surround the children in our classrooms with books, words, music, and the opportunity to hear people engage in conversation. The children are invited to think out loud during large and small group times, and of course, talk to other children and adults throughout the day. Learning to use and love the power of words at this age is the key to reading later in school, so we immerse our children in a language and print-rich environment to help them get started.

What can parents do? Read to your child at home, sing, chant, listen to music, play word games! Describe what you are doing in detail using rich descriptive vocabulary to expose you children to a varied of words, such as, “I am folding the blue cotton shirt for your sister. It is soft and feels smooth.” Delight in what your child has to say! For more ideas, talk to your child’s teacher.



### **Perfect Attendance for Oct. 2018:**

#### **Osteen #1**

Josiah Caamano  
Ezequiel Gonzalez  
Ryder Lombardi  
Karis Merine  
Larah Rodriguez  
Ezekiel Serpa

#### **Osteen#2**

Mya Cosby-Holany  
Yanessah Lugo  
Kaylonie Soto

#### **Osteen#3**

Catalina Atanasio  
Jamie Betances  
Ryleigh Decker  
Adam Dryden

# From FA's Desk

Toys for Tots is currently taking applications on line for families needing assistance. They will stop taking requests November 9, 2018. The website is [https://www.toysfortots.org/request\\_toys/](https://www.toysfortots.org/request_toys/)

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Marine Toys for Tots

[www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org)

To locate your nearest Marine Toys for Tots Local Campaign you can either locate a campaign using the interactive map or select your state from the below drop-down menu, followed by your nearest local county or city, and you will be redirected to the Toys for Tots website for your local community.

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## A couple reminders:

**Absences** -If your child is absent please remember to call in each morning your child is out.

**Parking**- Please park on the grass and not in the loop. If you do not want to park all the way in the grass then please continue to circle the parking lot until a spot becomes available. Parking in the loop blocks the handicap ramp, other cars from backing up or cars from driving around the loop.



- November 4 – **Turn back the clocks this weekend**
- November 12 – **Holiday Veterans Day**
- November 19 – 21 Teacher/Student Holiday
- November 22 – 23 **Thanksgiving Holiday**
- November 27 @ 2:15 pm - Parent Meeting

## Osteen Center Phone Number:

(407) 324-3658

**Family Advocate:** Ms. Annette

**Phone Number:** (407) 324-3865

**Fax Number:** (407) 324-3867

**CDS:** Mrs. Jeamary Garcia

Phone Number: (352) 279-2420

## Classroom 1 "Robots"

### What We Will Be Doing in November:

November is a very busy month for us! We will be discussing the fall season and observing all the changes this time of year brings. While working with our themes, "Fall is Fun", and "Colors of Fall", we will be observing the children doing different skills, such as rhyming, patterning, sorting, word and letter sounds... and more. In the context of having fun there is plenty of learning going on every day!

Each month, we will share with you the main ideas and theme that your child is working with at school. We encourage you to reinforce these topics as you talk and play with your child at home.

Mrs. Adela/Mrs. Linnette

Happy Thanksgiving!

## Classroom 2 "Super Kids"

Is November already? Wow!!

This month we will focus on Seasons Change, Seasons All Around, Giving Thanks and All Year Long. We will also focus on what feelings we feel in our bodies for Second Step.

Thanks to all of our parents who came out for the family engagement activity, to our parent meeting and for the open house. Thanks for being a part of your child's learning experience and making this year special for our children.

We would like to remind you to check your child's mail box daily for any important information we may need to send home. We are coming to the end of the year and the weather is changing. Please bring a change of clothing appropriate for the weather.

Thanks,

Mrs. Lorraine/Mrs. Katherine



### Little Leaves

(sung to Ten Little Indians)

1 little 2 little, 3 little leaves,  
4 little, 5 little, 6 little leaves,  
7 little, 8 little, 9 little leaves,  
blow them all away. WHOOF



### Classroom 3 "The Incredibles"

We want to say "Thank You" to our parents for attending the parent meeting, you make the difference! We are working on demonstrating an increased knowledge of pre- academic skills. On Second Step we are working on identifying feelings happy, sad, surprise and scared. The children learned that one way to tell how people feel is to look at their faces, and it's okay to feel sad. Everybody feels sad sometimes. In math we are working on count and match with concrete object. Reviewing shapes, colors and patterns. The children learned about community helpers, in dramatic we change to a doctor's office, the children playing pretended is a doctor, nurse and patient, they learned and having fun together.

The fire truck and nurse visit the center, the children enjoy both activities.



We are working on count in sequence up to 20. Copy his/her name from sample, practice letter name and sound. Please don't forget to bring extra clothes and a blanket.

We want to say "Happy Birthday" to Josiah Morel, Tolbert Alexander, Jamie Betances and Rylee Shelton.

Congratulations to Ameerah Gaskin, Ryleigh Decker, Melany Montanez, Josiah Morel, Rylee Shelton, Catalina Atanacio, Alexander Boland, Stephan Rivera, Janziel Rodriguez, Adam Jr. Dryden and Fabian Orama for September Perfect Attendance!!

Thank you,

Mrs. Ada and Mrs. Nancy



## **Parent Meeting Minutes**

**October 2018**

- \* Called meeting to order at 2:20 pm
- \* Quorum was not present. Only 5 parents present.
- \* FA, Annette read the minutes from last meeting.
- \* No policy council report was made this month.
- \* Don't forget the dates for November 7 (In-service day, Veterans Day (Nov. 12th) and Thanksgiving Holiday break (Nov. 19-23).
- \* Teachers will begin having sign up for parent/teacher conferences.
- \* Ms. Annette talked about the need for Christmas Sponsors and how parents can try to find sponsors by classroom or by center.
- \* Parent night at the museum will be Wednesday, November 14th from 5:00-6:00.
- \* Vote needed to decide what school picture backgrounds, Spring, Fall or Christmas. Not enough parents were present to vote.
- \* Teachers talked about the current theme in the curriculum.
- \* CDS talked about the importance of play in school.
- \* Special presentation from Fifth Third Bank on budgeting.
- \* Adjournment at 3:15 pm

## **Policy Council Update – October 2018**

The October Policy Council Meeting was held on Thursday, October 25th at Lake Sumter State College in Leesburg. Seventeen policy council members were present. Seven staff members were present. Two community representatives were present.

The following 2018 -19 Policy Council officers were elected: Chairman – Angela Salazar from Woodward Blended Head Start classroom, Vice Chairman – James Norton from Malloy Head Start classroom and Secretary – Felicia Morrison from Port Orange Head Start.

The following documents were approved: Budget Report, Credit Card Report, Meals and Snacks Report, Service Area Reports, Center Reports and a Behavior Plan.

The Enrollment/Attendance Report showed 17 Head Start classrooms and 8 Early Head Start classrooms with an average daily attendance below 85% in September.

Policy council members approved a 25% limit (of the total activity cost) for the cost of food for Parent Engagement activities.

Six new hires were approved for Volusia County sites.

Three new hires were approved for Hernando County sites.

The next Policy Council meeting is scheduled for 10:00am on Thursday, November 15th via video conference. Policy Council members will meet at the Mid Florida Administrative office in their county.