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# HEAD START NEWS

DeLand Head Start Newsletter



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## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Pam Fernet

We know it has been a hard decision to decide what you wanted for education for your children this year, brick/mortar or virtual. The safety of your children is always the most important aspect. We are super excited to have your children attending daily whether it is in the classroom or you are joining us virtually here at Mid Florida Community Services, Inc. Head Start. The education of your child is very important. You ensuring your child's attendance to school daily, helps to prove how important it is to you. Here at Head Start we thrive on the education of your child and feel it is important that these first years of school for your child are stimulating and happy. Please feel free to discuss any concerns you might have so that we may know your child better and work with him/her more effectively. I especially want to assure families that phone calls to the school are always welcomed. You may call at any time to check on your child, especially if he/she had a difficult time separating from you. Just be aware, that the teachers are busy interacting with the children and may not answer the phone right off. Please follow the prompts and leave a message, they will get back to you as soon as they can. Thank you again and welcome to the Head Start Family. I will also be starting to do perfect attendance certificates for those children that are here every day.



## CONTACT US!

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Classroom Extensions

1: 101

2: 102

3: 103

CDS Office: 120

FA Office: 110



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Parent Zoom Meeting:

Sept. 11 @ 10:00-10:30 a.m.

School Closing: Sept. 7th – Labor Day



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## FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

We are more than happy to have each one of you back in our home. This year we will use more the technology available. You may noticed communicating with you through Facebook, Instagram, emails, text messages and Zoom as well. The first parent meeting will be September 18 @ 10:00 am using the Zoom platform. We are going to elect the Parent Committee for the Center and the Policy Council Representative. If you are interested to volunteer feel free to contact us. Please let me know if you have any question or concerns. Thank you. Joseline

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Gracias.

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## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

### CLASSROOM 1

The beginning of the school year is an exciting time for children! During the first several weeks, your children will be very busy becoming familiar with the classroom routines, daily schedule and their classroom environment. Parents and teachers will also be busy by supporting the children to say good-bye to their families in the mornings. We will be planning carefully in order to ease transitions and help children feel secure and comfortable as they enter upon their new environment. We will begin our daily routine by asking a Question of the day in the mornings and we will continue with a Focus Question on a weekly basis. This will assist in facilitating language development and literacy by how to respond to a question when asked. In addition, children will be participating in group discussion on a daily basis as it pertains to each Focus Question. Furthermore, on a daily basis, children will be exploring and investigating in different centers through play (dramatic play, construction, library, art, science, table toys, and computer areas). This will assist in building their social skills such as: peer interaction, sharing, taking turns, having conversations, language, how to play, etc. In addition, children will be learning about letters/sound, shapes, and counting and matching numbers with quantities. There will be a different letter and shape on a weekly basis. Also, they will be introduced to our Second Step Program where children will learn and practice appropriate social skills in order to help them develop socially.

### CLASSROOM 3

## Currently Closed

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For the month of September classroom 3 will be getting to know our new class mates. We will be learning everyone's names, classroom rules, about our building and about our different free choice areas.

The letters that we will be reviewing the letters S, A, T, and I, the colors Red, Blue, Green and Yellow, and the shape of the Circle, Square, Rectangle and Triangle. We will learn these in both English and Spanish.

This school year is going to be like no other that we have experienced but Ms Mary and I are confident that it will be a wonderful and fun year.

Ms Sheila and Ms Mary



## HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Encourage reading at home, practice and recognize child's first name along with learning shapes and colors. Please send in photos of children learning at home.

Remember to send in family pictures for your child to see in the classroom. Send in your family house with photos on it to hang in the classroom. If you need another house, please let your teachers know.

## PARENT MEETING MINUTES

None at this current time.

## POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

The July minutes were approved. A prospective ten staff were approved for hire. The enrollment, attendance, and snack reports were approved. Additionally, a review of our school options were reviewed and updated with the Council. Service area and center reports were also approved.



## CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkuXc0htNGk>  
 Sra. Vallejo lee Prudencia se Preocupa by Kevin Henkes  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1il88Zx4Hho>