



NOVEMBER

HEAD START NEWS

Westside Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Rhonda Lochiatto

We have a lot going on this month starting with Election Day on November 3. Don't forget that the schools are being used as polling places this day so our centers will be closed and teachers will have an in-service day. On top of that we will also be closed on Wednesday, November 11 in recognition of Veterans' Day. The words of John F. Kennedy say it best, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." This is a month to be thankful and this is a day that we show our thanks and appreciation to those who have stood up for America. Please plan ahead for these two days. Thanksgiving break begins on November 23 and continues for that week. We will resume classes on November 30. Enjoy this time with family and friends to appreciate and be grateful for each other. As always, I am here for you. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I will always do my best for you and your child.

Ms. Rhonda, CDS



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday Virtual Zoom Lessons at 10:00 am

November 3 – No School: Election Day and Teacher In Service Day

November 11 – No School: Veteran's Day

November 23-27 – No School: Thanksgiving Break

November 30: Classes Resume



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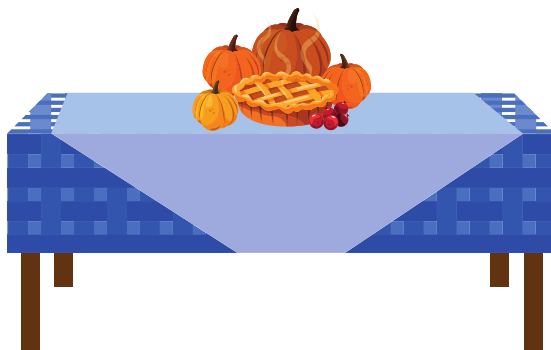


FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Yvette Altman

As we navigate through our challenging year we would like to thank you for your continued participation within our Head Start Program. We have had many different challenges this year, but thank you for your continued patience. We have sent out our dental forms so please make sure you are getting those taken care of. Just some reminders: our gates close by 8:30 am, have your child in a car seat at all times, and please make sure your child has extra clothing available. Thank you and be safe.

Yvette Altman



A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 1

Hello parents! Don't you just love the beautiful fall weather? The leaves changing and crisp mornings are such a joy. The year has been a great year so far. Our children have settled into their new environment and have learned the daily routine. We will be exploring the topic, balls, in the upcoming unit of study. We will learn about the different types of balls and the sports they are associated with. We will have a lot of art and the children will create masterpieces with a variety of balls and art materials. The dramatic play and sensory experiences will also include different types of balls. We will continue to work on our weekly letters, numbers, and shapes. We will also continue with our Second Step lessons and sing songs with Choosy. Thank you to our supportive parents for your participation in our zoom class meetings, home activities and conferences. We have a couple of days off school this month. November 3 is Election Day and as the schools will be used as polling places, we will be closed for a teacher in-service day. Veteran's Day is also this month on November 11th and we will be closed in recognition of our fellow Americans who have fought for us and our country. And finally, our Thanksgiving break will be the week of November 23rd-27th. Class will resume November 30th. Please enjoy this special time of the year with family and friends.



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

The Duck Said

* Read a familiar book to your child and pause in the middle of a repeated line. Your child will practice using words by filling in the blanks of the familiar story.

* Choose a familiar story, such as "The Little Red Hen, which has repeated words and sounds.

* Invite your child to say the repetitive lines in the story. For example, when the Hen asks who will plant the wheat, you can read, The Duck said... Then let your child fill in the words, Not !!

* Point to the words as your child says them.

* Challenge your child by leaving out a word that shows the sequence to the story. For example, read who will help me... this wheat?

* You can keep your child interested in this activity by choosing funny stories with repeated noises and sounds. Stories about animals, machines that act like people, or families and familiar situations provide fun opportunities for your child to contribute to telling the story.



CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

The Family Advocate called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. There were three parents in attendance. The date and time of parent meetings was discussed. There was still no vote on a policy council representative as there was not enough parent participation. The Westside phone number was provided for parents and parents were asked to please call if children are going to be late, or sick. Parents were also reminded that the drop off gate closes at 8:30 and if they are late they would have to go to the office. Parents were provided with the work number and cell number for the Family Advocate and reassured to call if they needed anything. The rule about no food or toys being allowed in the classroom was reiterated. Virtual Zoom lessons are every Friday at 10:00 am. Parents were reminded to update any personal information such as phone numbers and addresses. They were thanked for attending and the meeting was adjourned.

POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

The start of a new Policy Council has begun on October 22, 2020. Policy Council met via Zoom to allow ease for communication and voting while practicing COVID 19 safety practices. All Board leadership positions were voted upon and filled. The September minutes were approved by the new Policy Council. Eight prospective hires were approved. OHS IM (ACF-IM-HS-20-05) was reviewed regarding the Focus Area One and Focus Area Two Audits, as well as CLASS will not be audited for the 2020-2021 year. Service area and center reports were approved.

Book: Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

Author: Bill Martin Jr & Jonrchabault

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/293595.Chicka_Chicka_Boom_Boom