



NOVEMBER

HEAD START NEWS

Holly Hill Head Start & Early 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

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: Devon Shields

It has been an exciting start to our school year. We welcome all parents to attend our monthly parent meeting. You will receive information about your child's school and all your ideas are welcome at the meeting. With the change of weather make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing in their backpack. Parents, we are going into cold and flu season, if your child is ill, please keep them home. This keeps our staff and other students healthy. Please keep us informed about any changes with phone numbers, addresses or custody issues. Remember to wear your masks. Flyers for community events will be posted. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Devon Shields @ 386-238-5333 Ext 110.

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 1

Is it really November already? Wow!! We have been so busy becoming familiar with our new curriculum. We can't believe the month of October has swept passed us so quickly. We would like to thank all the parents that participated in our zoom lessons on Friday along with our virtual students throughout the week. It has been a pleasure meeting the needs of our children and families. We have learned a lot and experienced a lot with our first study. Now we are moving into our "Ball" study. We will be asking these questions: What do you want to know about balls? What do you want to find out about balls? We will also read the following books, "The Three Billy Goats Gruff", "The Doorbell Rang," and "Have a Ball." We are looking forward to learning about the various types of balls as we jump into the month of November. If you would like to send some type of ball to share with the class it would be greatly appreciated. Always remember you are your child's first teacher and we would like you to be a part of their learning journey.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Stephanie and Mrs. Laura

CLASSROOM 5

Dear parents,

We have been learning about feelings and that it's ok to feel all different types of feelings. The emotions we have reviewed are sad, happy, surprise, angry, scared and excited. We have also reviewed the letters A, B, S, and F.

Currently we are reviewing the letter P. Our new theme for the month is talking about balls. We will learn all about balls from their size to their many different textures as well as how some balls are hollow and others are solid. Parents, please remember to review letters and numbers with your child at home.

EARLY HEAD START CLASSROOM 4

The theme for the month of November is "Family". We will be learning about the color brown and the numbers 1, 2 and 3. Our shape of the month will be the triangle.



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 I!

* 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 parent meeting was held on October 22. Three parents were in attendance and the FA discussed the topic of "What you do matters – Making it a routine".

The importance of attendance was emphasized and a reminder that children need to arrive prior to 9 am.

Dental exam reminders were given. Parents were urged to please schedule their child's appointment and to contact the FA if they need assistance with this.

Calendar updates were given and parents were reminded that there is no school on November 3, 11, and the 23rd -27th is Thanksgiving Break.

Parents were asked to please make sure their children have an extra set of clothes on hand at school in case of accidents, or even quickly changing weather.

Finally, the events for Head

Start Awareness Spirit Weeks were shared and parents were encouraged to

participate. The CDS shared things that were going on in the classroom and reminded parents to check out the videos in

the Lesson Library on the MFCS website.

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.

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