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HEAD START NEWS

Coleman Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Jeamary Garcia



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 your 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.



CONTACT US!

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Classroom Phone Extensions

1: x101

2: x102

3: x103

4: x104



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

No School

November 3 - In-service day

November 11 - Holiday

November 23 - 27 Thanksgiving Holiday

Parent Meeting - November 17, 2020



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Migdalia Vega and Robyn Walker

Dear parent,

Thank you to the parents that participated at the parents meeting. Congratulations to the winners at the parents' meeting: Nirmaly Rivera, Happy Thanksgiving Door hanger; Samantha Ortega, Merry Christmas Shopper Tote; Bracelets, Cindy Orellana-Pena and Tara Quabeck a Charades for Kids Board Game.

Queridos Padres,

Gracias a los padres que participaron en la reunión de padres.

Felicidades a los ganadores en la reunión de padres: Nirmaly Rivera, Happy Thanksgiving Colgador de puerta; Samantha Ortega, bolso Feliz Navidad; Brazaletes, Cindy Orellana-Pena y Tara Quabeck Juego de mesa Charadas para niños.

Gracias,
Sus Representantes de Familias,
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A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 1

In the month of November our class will continue our study about trees. We will learn about and study the following questions:

- What foods come from trees?
- Who takes care of trees?
- How do trees change?
- What can we do with parts of trees?

In Second Step with will be covering the following topics:

- Identifying feelings

Our class has been very excited about the things we have been exploring and learning! Please continue to encourage your child to share with you what they are learning in class.

CLASSROOM 3

Classroom #3

In the month of Sept. we continued discussing what happens in school in the beginning weeks, from who are the people that work at the school, to the areas we find in the classrooms. And making friends.

For our next study we will be discussing "Recycling".

This plan includes activities that introduce the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle study and related concepts. You and your child will discover • what trash is found in your neighborhood; • what items are considered trash; • what she knows and would like to find out about reducing, reusing, and recycling.

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CLASSROOM 2

Classroom #2 - Ms. Arelis and Ms. Linnette

This month, we will continue learning our letters and numbers and to learn their names and friends name. The topics of discussion were, "What are our rules?" inside the classroom and second step rules. Our study for the month of October and November is Tree and we will be learning about different trees and parts of it and who lives on the tree, ect. Our students are well adjusted to the routine and they love to hear music and dance. We would like to thank all our families for such a wonderful start of school year.

CLASSROOM 4

Classroom #4 - Ms. Adela and Ms. Margarita

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. We will continue our studies on Trees. 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 studies 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.

Happy Thanksgiving!

HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Classroom #1

Question of the Day

- Explain to your child that each day he/she may ask you one special question
- Encourage your child to think about a special question he/she wants to ask you and allow them time to put their words together. Please listen to their question without interrupting them.
- Offer hints. If your child is having a difficult time thinking of a question ("if you want to know where we are going to do today, ask me, where are we going today?")
- Make sure to answer your child's question
- Write your child's question on paper as he says it to you then write your answer reading what was written pointing to the words as you read.

Classroom #2

I'm Thinking of a Shape—Understands Shapes

- Ask your child to help you gather clean recyclables of different sizes and shapes, such as cans, oatmeal cartons, spools, paper towel tubes, boxes, balls, cones, and cups.
- Introduce your child to the shape names and talk about their attributes. You might say, this empty tissue box has a side that is long and looks like a rectangle. This oatmeal can is a cylinder, and the bottom is like a circle

Classroom #3

- Found Trash

- Take your child for a walk around the neighborhood.
 - Point out items of trash that your child will recognize, e.g., food wrappers, plastic bottles, cups.
 - Ask, What is that?

How do you think it got there?

- Ask the child about the importance of throwing trash into trash cans. We throw our trash away in a trash can so that our trash stays in one place

Classroom #4 - Who lives in trees? Pretending to be Trees

- Explain to your child that older trees are sturdy or very strong.
- Stand in front of your child with your feet firmly planted and your arms outstretched. Explain to your child that together you will pretend to be sturdy trees.
- Sway your upper body and arms as you sing the following to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb." I'm a sturdy oak tree, oak tree, oak tree. I'm a sturdy oak tree, swaying in the wind.
- Change the tempo by pretending to be a tree swaying on a windy day



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Coleman Head Start Parent Meeting Minutes

10/20/20 @ 11:00AM

Parent Committee Vice Chair:

- Ice Breaker Game
- Parent's meeting minutes in newsletter

New Business

- (1) Policy Council Report by Bonnie Romero – Nothing to report at this time
- (2) Virtual to Brick/Mortar - Family Advocate (Migdalia Vega) **Brick & Mortar** classroom capacity will increase from 12 to 15 children starting Monday 11/02/20
- (3) 21 Voted for Policy Council Community Representative: Jason Meehan
- (4) Introduce Parent Curriculum (What you do Matters) – Robyn Walker

Important Dates:

No School - Tuesday 11/03/20 Student Holiday

No School - Wednesday 11/11/20 Veteran's Day Holiday

Next Parents' Meeting 11/17/20 @ 11:00am.

Service Area Reports:

* CDS – not present

* Teachers – Our

classrooms are beginning to study trees.

We will be observing, comparing and exploring trees, what lives in them, what they're made from, and who cares for them. We will use literacy, math, the arts, and technology to explore the topic. Classroom 3 is studying Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. They are investigating what recycling is all about. In the study the children will observe, gather data, and explore the community on how trash and garbage affect us...exploring the concept of reducing, reusing and recycling.

* Family Advocate – Migdalia thanked Bonnie for making face masks for Coleman boys and girls

5. Raffle: 1. Happy Thanksgiving Door hanger winner: Nirmaly Rivera; Merry Christmas Shopper Tote winner: Samantha Ortega; Bracelets winner: Cindy Orellana-Pena; and Charades for Kids Board Game winner: Tara Quabeck

6. Announcements / Questions / Comments / Personal Sharing

Adjournment

21 parents attended

Meeting adjourned at 11:35am.

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.

Tree Count

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6rUUg2MK9E>

Why Is Recycling So Important?

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=recycle+for+kids&&view=detail&mid=5A696A1A7DEB7D7093305A696A1A7DEB7D709330&FORM=VRDGR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3Drecycle%2Bfor%2Bkids%26FORM%3DHDRSC4>

Who lives in Trees?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W7US82VZMTc>

CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION