



NOVEMBER

# HEAD START NEWS

Easterseals Head Start Newsletter



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## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Octavia Jenkins

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.



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

No School on November 3, 2020 and November 11, 2020.

Parent Meeting November 17 @ 3pm.



Head Start  
Mid Florida Community Services  
Early Head Start



## FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

*By: Annette Gregory*



Hello parents, with the Holidays coming sooner than you think there are some agencies signing up to help with meals and gifts. If your family is in need please contact me so I can help you get signed up. Remember dental verification is requested every 6 months. If your child has gone in the last 6 months please let me know that information so that I can request verification. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

### CLASSROOM 1

We will be learning about our community. We will talk about places in our community and how to be a good citizen. We are working on letters F-J this month. Learning on how to manage our feelings. Parent conferences this month by zoom.



## HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Make a fire evacuation plan with your child.

HAPPY  
THANKS  
GIVING



## CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

## PARENT MEETING MINUTES

- 10/22/20- Head Start Awareness- Wear Red or Blue shirt
- 10/30/20- Halloween character parade
- School starts at 7:30am and ends at 2:30pm.
- Next month starts Parent Conferences via Zoom.
- Voted on next meetings being held every 3rd Tuesday at 3:00pm.

## 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.

Dot the Fire Dog by Lisa Desimini

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=pnga471akl8>