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HEAD START NEWS

Spring Hill Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Ronjaneen Harris

Hello parents/guardians, we appreciate your continued support in your child's education and the program. You are your child's first teacher. Does that statement scare you? It shouldn't. Do you feel uncomfortable with the term "teacher," substitute", and "guide"? Most children are more explorers than students anyway. Our children depend on us for leadership and guidance. I found this quote and wanted to share it with you: "The key to raising our kids right is: positiveness. They need to see positive, happy parents who prove that life is worth living for." According to the website, Parents as a First Teacher, family members are the first and most important influences in the learning of children at all ages. While parents are usually the strongest models and have the greatest impact; grandparents, aunts, uncles and family friends also can act as role models, aides, and encouragers. These influences are also often shaped by input from peers, neighbors, teachers and others. See, it really does take a community to raise a child. We appreciate your attendance in our virtual parent meeting and for participating in the educational home activities. The pictures speak volumes, so continue to send pictures in to your child's teachers with your child participating in educational activities at home.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Parent meeting is November 17 at 1:00 pm. No school on November 11 for Veteran's Day. Thanksgiving break is November 23 - 27.



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Lynda Kersey, Joanne Roth, Lynn Woerner, and Nitza Jerez

We would like to thank everyone who joined our Parent Committee Zoom meeting. It was great to see you all and to see our numbers growing! Congratulation to our prize winners! Our next meeting will be on November 17 at 1:00 pm. Please bring your ideas for our future Parent Activity. Don't forget that school will be closed on November 11th for Veteran's Day and for the week of November 23 through the 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you again for your understanding during our recent closure to ensure the safety of our children and families.



CLASSROOM 502

Gobble, Gobble it's November. This month, we will be talking about being thankful. We are still practicing writing our names, and letter and sound recognition. There is no school on November 11 for Veterans Day. Our Thanksgiving break starts on November 23 – 27. Class will resume on November 30. We will be working on our Tree Study. We will be learning about different types of trees, what animals live in the trees, and what fruits grow in trees. ~Ms. Jennifer and Ms. Stefanie

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 501

This month, we will be doing the Buildings Study. The children will help guide us to find out what they want to learn about buildings. We will talk about tools and building materials and which animals build their homes as well. We will learn about important buildings in our neighborhood such as hospitals, schools, post office and police stations. In Second Step, we are learning about a variety of feelings and how our faces and bodies can express how we are feeling. We will be learning about being thankful for what we have and ways to share our gratitude with others. We are working on counting and quantifying and letters and sounds. We also write our names every day. Happy Thanksgiving!

~Miss Shelley and Miss Olena

CLASSROOM 601

Welcome to November! Our class has been working on identifying letters of the alphabet and numerals 0-10. We have been wonderful remembering classroom rules and routines. We are working on our new study which is exercise! We are exploring different ways to move our body to keep ourselves healthy. You are more than welcome to take pictures of your child exercising at home to bring into the classroom. In Second Step, we are working on making positive choices with our peer and identifying emotions. Don't forget parent teacher conferences are this month!

~Mrs. Theresa N. and Mrs. Wanda

CLASSROOM 602

November is a month that brings thoughts of gratitude. I have so much to be thankful for, especially being able to spend each day with children. This month will bring lots of exciting activities. The children love to play with balls, they can play with them, catch them, kick them, and roll them with seemingly endless delight. The children will learn how natural forces, such as gravity and friction, affect the movement of balls. One of the goals in our program is to expose the children to other cultures and different things that other families do. We will also focus on giving thanks, and they will identify the variety of feelings we can express. We will learn and review manners in English and in Spanish, "Thank you, gracias, Please, por favor."

~Mrs. Norma and Mrs. Lucia

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 701

We will begin our study of Trees, in exploring the topic of what do we know about trees and what do we want to find out. In our investigation, we will find out the characteristics of trees in our community. We will also learn who lives in trees. We will continue learning the letters and sounds of the alphabet, and recognizing the numbers 5-20. With Thanksgiving approaching, we must remember to have a thankful heart. Enjoy your "Thanksgiving holiday."

~Ms. Sherry and Ms. Mariani



CLASSROOM 702

Happy November! October is gone already! We have learned about fire drill procedures, the days of the weeks, sharing with friends, following class expectations, numbers, and much more. This month, we will be learning about trees. As the season begins to change, the children will study the different colors of the leaves. We will be learning and discussing how to identify, spell, and write our first and last name, numbers, the names of the months, shapes, and colors. We encourage families to take your child to walk around the neighborhood to look at the trees. Please have your child share with you the colors of the leaves and the changes of the trees. Please take pictures and send them to class for discussion. Please remember to dress your child according to the weather, closed shoes, extra clothes for small accidents, a jacket and a blanket for rest time. Please, don't forget to join us every Friday for our virtual Zoom class. The invitations go out weekly with a reminder of 24 hours before class. We do share a lesson plan weekly using the Teaching Strategies Parents app. Please check your messages and mark your calendar.

~Ms. Zulma & Ms. Stephanie

CLASSROOM 901

Happy November!! We welcome our two new students to our class. They are settling in nicely and becoming familiar with the routine and schedule. We have finished up the Beginning of the Year Study and have started the Pet Study in Creative Curriculum. In Second Step, they are learning to identify feelings by looking at a person's face and their body language. Also, we will be talking about having the same and different feelings and accidents. Please continue to work with your child on writing their name and working on letters, sounds, numbers, shapes, and colors. Thank you.

~Mrs. Amy and Mrs. Janet

CLASSROOM 902

Happy Turkey Month! Wow, I can't believe it is already November. We have been working so hard these last couple of months. The children have done so well with the new rules and procedures we have put in place. I am so proud of them! We have started our new study on Clothes. We will be talking about the different types of clothes people wear from all around the world. If you have any clothing from a different country you would like to share with us, please let me know. We will also learn how clothing is made, and what types of clothing are used for different purposes.

Please make sure you send in a jacket/sweater for your child. Our classroom can get chilly, and the weather will soon be getting cooler.

~Miss Shannon and Miss Theresa



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Identify patterns everywhere:

Clothing-plaids or repeated stripes, colors, and shapes. Titles repeated or growing squares in the kitchen, bathroom, or hall. Books – repeated or growing patterns on the cover or pages; repeated words or phrases. Behavior – repetitions in daily routines; clothing worn in various types of weather; walking, exercise, dance, or marching patterns.

Encourage children to create and extend patterns with blocks or other toys. After they make a pattern, ask them to describe it (for example, a child could make a pattern of colored blocks and describe it as “Orange, blue; orange, blue; orange, blue; etc.” A staircase growing pattern can be described as “One block, two blocks, three blocks, four blocks,” and so on or as “One block, one more, one more, one more,” and so on. Algebra includes the concept of change. Create books with your child about how much he or she has grown. Together, come up with titles for these books, such as, I Was Two, but Now I Am Three or I Used to Be a Baby, but Now I Am Big! (Source:

Teaching Strategies, Volume 4: Mathematics, page 35)



CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday October 20th, 2020 @ 1PM. Welcome–

Family Advocate & Center Staff - Mrs. Roth started meeting by welcoming the parents and introducing herself and each Family Advocate introduced themselves. What's going on in my classroom? -CDS & Teaching Team- Amy French - Ms. Amy French, teacher in 901 shared what each classroom was doing for the month of October. Face mask coverings and virtual to brick and mortar— Update: Center attendance options - Mrs. Roth reminded parents to continue using the face masks and the process of moving from virtual to brick and mortar. Parents were also informed that beginning November 2, classes will go to 15 children and, in January to five days a week. Vote on the upcoming Parent Activity date - Mrs. Jerez explained to the parents what is Parent Activity and how we needed to select a day for the activity. Parents suggested and voted to do it on March 11, 2021. Parents will bring ideas of activities to the next parent meeting. Policy Council updates - Mrs. Sarah Zayas, Policy Council Representative shared what was going on with the Board. She also shared that they received training and she started getting involved. Voting of Officers - Mrs. Jerez explained to parents that we are still in need of an Early Head Start Policy Council Representative and Health Advisory Committee and explained what is involved. Neither of the parents present wanted to run for the positions. She ended by telling parents they will try again at the next meeting. Remember the following events for November - Mrs. Roth shared with parents about dates in November that we will be closed on November 11 and November 23-27. Ice breaker-Spin the Wheel Raffle - Parents participated on ice breaker activity and four parents won prizes. Introduce Parent Curriculum, What you do Matters - Mrs. Roth introduced parents to the “What you do Matters” curriculum and shared what each module involved. Perfect Attendance Certificate - Mrs. Roth explained about the perfect attendance certificate and how they will be available in the classroom. Head Start Awareness Celebration - Mrs. Roth shared with parents about Head Start Awareness Celebration week and attendance contest on October 22 which the classroom with highest attendance will get a special visit. Blue Comment Cards - Mrs. Roth showed parents the blue comment cards and shared that they are available at any time in the office. Questions and concerns - Few questions were asked and answered and the meeting adjourned after.

POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

On September 24, 2020 via conference call, the Policy Council approved August minutes. Two prospective staff were approved. The Enrollment and Attendance Reports were approved. All Center and Service Reports were approved. New members were welcomed and previous members were thanked for their service.

[A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wV1ege3jEFE)

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