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# HEAD START NEWS

WVEC Head Start Newsletter



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## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

*By: Pamela Fennett*

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.



## CONTACT US!

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 3rd (no school).

November 11th Veterans Day ( no school)

November 23th to 27th Thanksgiving  
break (no school)



Head Start  
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## FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

*By: Rosario Sanchez*

Welcome families !! We are looking forward to working with you, to complete a successful School Year. Dental care is very important for our children's health; we encourage you to stay up to date with your child, dental appointments and follow ups. If you have received a Dental Referral please start scheduling the appointment and bring us back the referral completed by the child's dentist as soon as possible. As part of the Head Start services, we will also following up with some of the health requirement, in your child's file. We will be contacting parents and sending referrals for all missing lead and hemoglobin results. The Head Start program prepares all children for success at the elementary school level, therefore poor attendance interferes with children's learning, development, social skills, and the classroom daily routine. In order for your child to benefit from Head Start all children must have regular attendance. It is important for you to contact us to discuss any attendance issue and plans to remedy and help your child succeed in school. Please contact your Family Advocate for more information.

## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

### CLASSROOM 1

We will finish our study on insects during November. Children will have the opportunity to learn about what insects are in our community, how insects change and who works with insects. Art projects will include creating caterpillars and butterflies. Insects will be sorted and counted in Math and we can look at them with magnifying glasses in the Science area. In Second Step we will continue to learn about feelings through Identifying Anger, Same or Different Feelings, and Accidents. We practice these important social skills with a puppet script, story and discussions and a story. The weather is finally getting a little cooler.

Please make sure your child has an extra set of clothing, including a sweater or sweatshirt in their backpacks. Our playground is complete and we will go outside daily, weather permitting. As always, please see us with any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Lorri & Mrs. Jessica

### CLASSROOM 2

Hello everyone! At the beginning of November we will be completing the study on insects. Children greatly enjoyed exploring insects using pictures, videos, with the use of magnifying glasses and toy insects. We read stories like the hungry caterpillar among others. Second step we keep talking about feelings and how to handle them. I always remind you to bring your children extra clothes in case of any accidents, in addition to bringing them with comfortable clothes are already in constant movement. We will always be available if you have any questions.

Mrs. Sasha & Mrs. Katherine



## HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Make a fieldtrip to the park with the family. Look for insects in the surrounding area. When you get home have the children draw what they have seen.



## CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

## PARENT MEETING MINUTES

### Parent's Meeting Minutes

Day: 30 Month: 10 Year: 2020

Parent Meeting started at: 3:30pm.

Parents were greeted by: Carolina Estrada.

The Pledge of Allegiance was leaded by: N/A

.Minutes from last Parents Meeting were given by:

Policy Council Representative, reported Policy

Council Minutes: Yes: X . No: \_\_\_\_\_.

Parents were notified of coming Important Dates: Yes

Notes: Meeting adjourned at: 4:00pm.

Presents: 4 . Parent Committee: \_\_\_\_ . Staff: 5 .

Minutes taken by: Carolina Estrada.

## 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.

**The Grouchy Ladybug By Eric Carle**  
<https://youtu.be/Jr3ha03MsK0>