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HEAD START NEWS

Brooksville Early Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: **Zoribel Nevarez**

Welcome to November! Halloween is over, and November brings with it the scent of pumpkin pie, cranberries and of course, delicious turkey. But one thing you may not know about November is it is also recognized as National Child Safety and Protection Month. National Child Safety and Protection Month is an entire month dedicated to recognizing the unique potential dangers many children face in their everyday lives, and taking tangible steps of prevention against those challenges. This month looks at the world through the eyes of a child, so today we look at how you can recognize National Child Safety and Protection Month, and keep the children in your life safe. Safety at Home- First and foremost, children should be safe at home. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, on average, 12,175 children ages birth to 19 die each year in the United States from an unintentional injury. You can prevent some of these injuries by making sure your home is a safe environment for children of all ages. Some helpful tips for safety-proofing your home include: Keep walkways and areas near stairs clear of clutter to help prevent falls. Give your children a designated place to put their toys, then work to make sure they follow through. Keep all cleaners, medications and other potentially harmful substances up high and out of reach of children. If you do keep products on lower shelves or areas, use a child-proof lock for the cabinet. When cooking, use the back burners of the stove and turn handles toward the back of stove, so children aren't able to reach or knock the pots over. Test the fire alarms in your home regularly and have a plan in place with your children in case there is a sudden fire in the home. For younger children, keep small items out of reach to avoid suffocation or choking. For infants, put them to sleep on their backs without blankets, pillows or toys in the crib. Safety in the Car-When riding in the car, children should be fastened with a seat belt into the appropriate car seat or booster seat. You can learn which safety seat is best for your child's age and size by checking online with your state department. Make sure the fastening on the seat is secure—not too tight and not too loose. Safety with Food-Choking on food can be a serious hazard for many children, both young and old. Some foods are more dangerous, such as hot dogs, hard candies and nuts. Foods like these cause up to 40% of all child choking deaths. Help prevent potential issues by monitoring what your child eats, and breaking or cutting it up into smaller bites whenever possible. Safety around Water-According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, drowning is the leading cause for children ages one to four. It's incredibly vital to monitor children when swimming or near a water source, provide adequate safety swimming materials and stay close by in case children experience any issues. Water can be a fun activity for the family, but requires special attention to make sure children stay safe. November recognizes National Child Safety and Protection Month by teaching parents, families and friends how to see the world from a child's perspective and make sure he or she stays safe. Safety is an important part of life, so enjoy this November by implementing it into all areas.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

11/11- No School

11/17, 2020 @ 9AM via Zoom Parent meeting

11/23-11/27 Thanksgiving Break



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Jody Lopez, Eniebelle Garcia, Zorielis Soto

From your Family Advocates we want to thank you for your participation and compromise with our program. At the same time thank you for coming to our office and completing your goals and Family Partnership Agreement. On the other hand, we encourage you to continue participating in our monthly meeting because you are part of the decisions and changes in our program.



A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 811

Hello Parents and Families! This month, we're focusing on engaging and exploring with new materials and experiences. As we are now in the season of fall, we'll be discovering objects such as acorns, pinecones, apples, leaves, pumpkins, squashes, and other vegetation. We'll incorporate them into art experiences like making collages, and painting. As we continue to progress through unpredictable times, we will also continue to support the families through Virtual learning games and activities. Be sure to check out the live lesson library, where new interactions are being shared with our community members each week. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to ask questions, send emails, or call the school ext. 811. Thank you, we appreciate working and communicating to deliver impactful relationships.

–Ms. Breanna & Ms. EllyAnn

CLASSROOM 812

We are headed into November full speed where the days are getting shorter and the nights are cooler! And we are excited to welcome our new friend, Levi to our classroom. Throughout this month, the kids will be learning many new fun things such as matching pictures, mixing different watercolors, singing silly songs and explore fall weather as well as continue with our colors, numbers and new words. A big part of November is Thanksgiving, and for this, we will be learning about what it means to be grateful to our families, friends, foods and healthy bodies! To the families, thank you for the opportunity to teach and learn from your children. Each one is unique and bring so much joy to our class. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Ms. Nikki & Rose

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 806

Hello families! November is here! This month our classroom will be focusing on family, friendship and being thankful. We will be talking about the colors black and brown. We're expanding to the numbers 1-10, and the shapes; circle, square, and triangle. As the children will each be making a family tree in art we're asking all the parents to provide a list of important people in their lives for us to add to the trees. Please remember to send a clean change of clothes. We're excited to learn with your children this month!

Ms. Maria & Suzannah



CLASSROOM 807

What an exciting month, November is a month that we gather and celebrate with our families and friends. We are very thankful for our students, as they grow and develop all their skills and discover many options that we have to make choices and to provide opportunities for self-help. We will also be learning about pumpkins, apples and corn and we will talk about the shape, taste, color and texture. Class 807 are very thankful and grateful for your support, have a wonderful thanksgiving with your love ones and if there any need or questions please call our School, we are here to support all our families. Love, Ms. Norma & Ms. Jacina

CLASSROOM 809

Hello families of Class 809, this month we are learning about everything fall & pumpkin patches. We have had so much fun learning all the colors of fall. And that not all pumpkins are the same shape. We encourage the children to point to the pumpkin, and label the parts to their faces-eyes, ears, mouth, nose and ears. Parents, we will continue to send home reminders to the families each week, as we continue to develop. We appreciate your support and partnerships. –Ms. Bridget & Yolanda



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Taking turn, color hunt



CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 @ 9AM 7 parents were in Attendance on Zoom Minutes- Done by Jody Lopez (Family Advocate) Meeting was held by Selena Delaine (President) Everyone in the meeting introduced themselves September Policy Council report was read. Policy Council Community Jason Meehan was voted in. Program reminders were read: No School for EHS/HS: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 (Veterans Days) Program hours for EHS is from 8AM-4PM/HS is from 8AM-2PM. Cut of time is 9AM. A child will not be allowed to enter the program if he/she arrives after 9AM. EHS/HS Holiday Sponsors have been selected for all classrooms. Parents were informed about the Holiday Sponsorship Program. Toys for Tots – Accepting online applications from 10/5/20-12/4/20. Parent's will be notified if a child's Physical/Immunization is expiring. Parent's must complete a Changes to Family Information Form in order to add someone in the pick up list. Parents will be required to meet with Family Advocates to go over Family Goals and complete Family Partnership Agreement. Parents were asked if they had any concerns – parents had no concerns 10 Dollar Dunkin Donuts Gift Card was raffled off – Ms. Delaine won! Next Parent Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 @ 9AM via Zoom. Meeting Adjourned.

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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