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HEAD START NEWS

Indian River Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By Andrea Rodgers

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

November 3rd (Tuesday) – In Service day / Student Holiday

November 11th (Wednesday) – Holiday – Veterans Day

November 19th 3:30pm - Parent Meeting

November 23rd – 25th (Monday – Wednesday) Teacher / Student Holiday

November 26th – 27th (Thursday and Friday) –

Thanksgiving Holiday

November 30th – Classes Resume



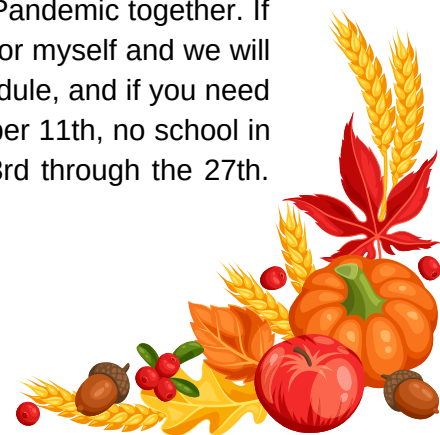
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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Elizabeth Coleman

FA Corner: Thank you for your continued participation within our Head Start, Early Head Start Program. As we continue to figure things out throughout this year, please know that we are here to help you. We just want everyone to know that we are all trying to navigate this Pandemic together. If there is anything that you need, please make sure you contact Either Elizabeth or myself and we will do best to assist in any way that we can. We are still on a four day a week schedule, and if you need us on Friday, Please do not hesitate to call. A few dates to Remember. November 11th, no school in Observance of Veteran's Day. And we start our Fall Break from November 23rd through the 27th. Please take some time to enjoy with your family, and stay safe.



A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 210

In November we will be learning the letters F,G,H. We are learning about community helps and will have a fire truck visit us. We are also planning holiday activities, learn about fall and the different colors. Daily we will work on letters, counting, letters and spelling of our names. We will continue to learn about different shapes and use them to create things. We use the computers daily, use blocks and use dramatic play for different things. Our class has learned the letters A-E and counting to 4. We have a new friend in class and all the children helped welcome her. We did activities for fall, counting pumpkin seeds, cutting, touch and feel the inside. We had a week of birthday celebrations and used items in our dramatic play area. We have also used shaving cream to make letters and a mat man to make a person out of shapes.



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Showing what I know: Name or describe a picture you see in a magazine or book and invite your child to point to it on the page. Your child will have an opportunity to practice hearing and understanding many words. Why this is important: Naming or describing the pictures you see and then inviting your child to point to them on the page allows him to practice hearing and understanding words. Reading books with him helps him practice using his ability to understand words. This game can help you and your child become aware of the different kinds of things he knows. What you do: • Invite your child to sit with you and look at a book. Choose a children's book or a family magazine and pause on pages that interest both of you. • Ask questions that will let your child demonstrate his knowledge, especially knowledge that goes beyond his spoken vocabulary. A few examples of questions are: Can you find something that goes fast? Which plate has two cookies on it? Can you point to the spaghetti? Which picture has an open window in it? • Observe your child thinking about the question and pointing to the answer. • Follow your child's lead and adjust the difficulty of the game by choosing a book with many pictures on the page or continue to use a book with only a few pictures.



CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Indian River Parent Meeting Agenda

Greeting/Introduce myself Icebreaker: tell me one thing about yourself! Reminders about pick up and drop off: wear masks and be on time! Toys for Tots: Toys for Tots is only through approved agencies this year. There are thirteen in Volusia County. If you are interested in Toys for Tots, please reach out to me so I can send you to the right place!

Dental: The Volusia County Health Departments are now available to book appointments. When you schedule your appointment, give me the date and I will get the verification from the dentist for you. Dental health is very important, let's make a good start with dental for our kids! What You Do Matters Parent Curriculum: Policy Council Report: "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."

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>