



NOVEMBER

HEAD START NEWS

Bushnell Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Jennifer Hanner

Can you believe that November is here, and the holidays are approaching us! I hope you are all adjusting well to the time change. This is a good time for you to check all smoke detectors to see if they are working or to change their batteries. If you haven't already, please see your Family Advocate for information about Toys for Tots. The teachers and the children have been very busy in the classroom learning about different studies. Each week the teachers will send you lesson plans and information about what they will be doing in the classroom the following week. Every week you will also be getting a Second Step letter. This letter will help you introduce the lessons at home as well as understand what they are doing in school. Each week our lovely teachers work hard on creating recording lessons. These lessons get uploaded on <https://www.midfloridaheadstart.com/lesson-library/index>. You can also find the link on our Facebook page. We know that some of you want to help in the classroom. Currently we still are not allowing parents in the classrooms, but there are still things you can do at home to help us. Please reach out to your child's teacher. Did you know that November is also National Child Safety Month?

Here are some tips and reminders 😊

At your home: keep walkways and areas near stairs clear and clutter free. This will help prevent falls. Assign a designated area for your children to put their toys away. Keep all cleaners, medications and all potentially harmful substances out of reach of your children or use a safety lock on cabinets that are low.

Safety in the car: Take off heavy coats, when putting your child in a 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 local state department.

Safety with food: Choking on foods can be a serious hazard for many children, both young and old. Some foods are more dangerous, such as hot dogs, popcorn, hard candies and nuts. Cut foods up in to tiny pieces that could be a choking hazard.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 11, 2020 No school in observance of Veterans Day

November 17th: Parent Meeting at 5pm

November 23rd-27th: Thanksgiving Holiday



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Jasmine Herring

Hello, Bushnell families! How exciting to be already in November, the start of holiday season! Thanksgiving is a celebration to be thankful for what we have and also to share what we have with others. If you are having a Thanksgiving celebration we ask that you all be safe during this pandemic. To save during Thanksgiving, do not just to plan the dinner but also plan for decorations. At home we have the best helpers with us - our children! Have them collect leaves and acorns, and let them add some glitter and set the table, and in no time you will be amazed with their creativity. Don't forget to take advantage of Black Friday and Cyber Monday offers, because you know that Christmas is right around the corner, and we need to save while shopping smart and spending wisely. Review the toys catalog with your children, have a budget and apply for local Christmas Toys Programs if you have not already done so. (Visit the Family Advocate Office for more detail information.) If you have any other ideas and suggestions, please share the at our next Parent Meeting!

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 1

For the month of October, Mrs. Tammy and Mrs. Amber had begun the study on Buildings. The children have become well acquainted with each other and our classroom routines. Our social skills and working together to learn about their new classroom environment. For those students enrolled in VPK, their first assessment has been completed and outcomes were sent home to those parents. If you have any questions or concerns, we will be happy to discuss things with you at your parent conference. We will be in contact with you to begin scheduling your first Parent Conference which starts in November as well. We look forward to meeting with our small groups of children virtually on Fridays. We ask that you please be on time and limit noise and activity in the background during the meeting. Refer to your lesson plan copy for the meeting time and link. Please remember, this counts towards your child's attendance and academic progress. We appreciate you working with us during these uncertain times and we will work together to make this a successful year for us all. Finally, arrival and departure. Please have your child at school at 8:00 am and pick up time is 2:00 pm so we can get the most out of our day.

CLASSROOM 2

Here we are the end of October already. November and December are rushing onto us. We have started the Building Study. The students are learning about different type of buildings. We have been discussing what a building needs to have to be considered a building and the students have decided that a building needs to have a roof, a floor, windows, and a door. Our students will be bringing home new building names such as Skyscraper, Government Offices, and Concert halls. We encourage you to please point out the parts of your own home and what makes them so unique.



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Game 106 Seeing Feelings

Game 170 This is who I am

Sorting game



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Second Parent Meeting held on Tuesday, October 27th at 4pm. Meeting had three attendees and lasted 30 minutes. Family Advocate reminded the parent to keep medical records current/ updated. Family advocate also shared attendance percentage for each classroom, and stress the importance in Virtual Friday participation. Family Advocate read notes from the teachers to the parents about what was going on in each classroom. Policy Council minutes were read as well. Center events for the remainder of October and the beginning of November were described. Family Advocate went through Parent Curriculum and gave instruction on Engagement activity.

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.

CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

The True story of the Three Little pigs by A.Wolf as told to Jon Scieszka. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vB07RfntTvw>