



JANUARY

HEAD START NEWS

DeLand Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Pamela Fennett

It is amazing how quickly the New Year comes and goes. I hope you had a wonderful break! We are already beginning to plan for next year! We are happy to see all your smiling faces back school. We wish you all a Happy 2021 and look forward to all the exciting events to come throughout the school year. As studies show it is important for children to stick to a routine, see the helpful information below.

Safety Shopping Tips:

Buy the right toy for the right age child Ages 3 through 5 Avoid toys that are constructed with thin, brittle plastic that might easily break into small pieces or leave jagged edges. Look for household art materials, including crayons and paint sets, marked with the designation "ASTM D-4236." This means the product has been reviewed by a toxicologist and, if necessary, labeled with cautionary information. Teach older children to keep their toys away from their younger brothers and sisters. READ THE LABEL.... Shopping for toys during the holidays can be exciting and fun, but it can also be frustrating. There can be thousands of toys to choose from in one store, and it's important to choose the right toy for the right age child. Toys that are meant for older children can be dangerous for younger children. Last year, an estimated 226,100 children were treated in the U.S. hospital emergency rooms after toy-related incidents and 17 children died.



CONTACT US!

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Center Number: 386-873-4803

Classroom Extensions

1: 101

2: 102

3: 103

CDS Office: 120

FA Office: 110



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Winter Holiday Break: Dec. 21st – Jan. 4th

Classes Resume on Jan. 5th

January 6th - Early Release @ 1pm

Jan. 18th - Holiday – MLK

Jan 25th – In-Service – No School



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

Welcome back to a New Year full of surprises and hopes.

Important Announcements:

- Beginning the new school year 2021, we are going back to 5 days a week once we return on Jan. 5th.
- Remember to update your child's lab work and follow up with the dental exams.
- Beginning January 5th, the Family Advocate Home Base office will be at 803 S. Woodland Blvd/WVEC center.
- I will be working from the two centers, DeLand & WVEC. I will be around DeLand center during the morning as I use to do.
- Always you can contact me through my cell at 386-956-3622 or email: jcouto@mfcs.us.com

Thank you, Joseline Couto, Family Advocate

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Queridos padres:

- Comenzando 2021 en enero 5 comenzaremos los 5 días de la semana de clases.
- Recuerde actualizar los laboratorios pendientes y los exámenes dentales.
- Comenzando el 5 de enero la oficina base de la Defensora de la familias sera en el 803 S. Woodland Blvd./WVEC center al cruzar la calle.
- Estare trabajando para los centros DeLand y WVEC. Siempre me pueden contactar a mi celular 386-956-3622 or al email jcouto@mfcs.us.com

Gracias. Joseline Couto Defensora de la Familia

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 1

For the month of January, our study will be focusing on Water. Children will investigate and explore about what they know about water, what they want to find out and what can be with water. Most children enjoy playing in water and using water in many ways. Studying water will help children expand their understanding of water beyond taking a shower and washing hands. They will investigate how water helps people and the environment. In addition, we will continue our daily routine by asking a question of the day in the mornings and our focus questions on the study during group discussion. This will assist in facilitating language development and literacy.

Furthermore, on a daily basis, children will continue exploring and investigating in different centers through play (dramatic, construction, library, art, science, table toys, and computer areas). This will aid in building their social skills such as: peer interaction, sharing, taking turns, having conversations, language, how to play, etc.

Consequently, children will continue learning their letters/sound, shapes, and counting and matching numbers with quantities. There will be a different letter and shape on a weekly basis. In addition, children will continue our Second Step Program where they are learning and practicing appropriate social skills.

Ms. Simone, Ms. Nancy & Ms. Omaid

CLASSROOM 3

Firstly, we hope everyone had a wonderful holiday! For the month of January, we will continue our study of tubes and tunnels focusing on the topic of how to use tubes and tunnels, who works with tubes and tunnels and how e can make sounds with them. Then the last week of January we will start a new study and explore the topic of simple machines. We will also focus on the letters L, F, B, and Q, reviewing our colors and learning about the numbers 11, 12, 13, and 14. We will be reviewing the rectangle and a crescent shapes, and introducing the heptagon and decagon.

Ms. Sheila & Ms. Mary

CLASSROOM 2

Temporarily Closed



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

"Let's Play Follow the Leader/Juguemos a seguir al lider"

No Parent meeting due to technical difficulties.



POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

The Policy Council met for the month of December via Zoom. The November minutes were approved. Two prospective staff were approved for hire. Budget/finance, enrollment, attendance and snack reports were reviewed and approved as well. Service and center reports were approved. Inclusion Policies (D-1 through D-8) were updated and approved. Policy Council members expressed thanks for the holiday Grab and Go meals.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u7XN3k6kcEg>
EBook: "Hey, Water! By Antoinette Portis

CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION