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HEAD START NEWS

Brooksville Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Jennifer Hanner

Welcome February! We have made it through the first month on 2021 and are looking forward to what the next few months will bring us. During this month, your child's teacher will be reaching out to you about home visits. We are still doing them via zoom calls or by phones. Please be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet from your child's teacher. The teachers have also been sending home the lesson plans via email. If you have not received it or would like to have printed copy instead, please feel free to reach out your child's teacher or to myself. With the cold weather here, please remember to check your child's clothes. The children still go outside and play even on cold days. If you are unsure, please reach out to your child's teacher to see what you will need. February also brings Heart Health Awareness. Some fun facts: The average heart is the size of a fist in an adult, your heart will beat about 115, 000 times a day. A women's heart beats slightly faster than a man's heart. Laughing is good for your heart, It reduces stress and gives a boost in your immune system. I want to thank all of you for all understanding through out our check in and stations. Please remember that our hours are 8:00 am -2:00 pm. We do have a cut off time of 9:00am. If you are going to be late, please reach out to your child's teacher or FA. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2/12 and 2/15
 Parent meeting 2/16



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Jody Lopez, Enibelle Garcia, Zoriells Soto

Greetings to all our families! As always thank you for being part of our meetings and supporting us. Last month we took a walk with some parents and we liked to share how much we enjoyed that, we would like to do it again. We announced that Family Advocate Enibelle Garcia will no longer be with us and wish you the best of success. FA's doors are always open to receive and guide you in any process.



CLASSROOM 701

Hello, This month our theme is Music making. Since Abiyoyo is music related, we read it and many more books. We did a lot of games and mighty minutes. The children will make some slime and will do homemade musical instruments at school too between several more activities. There won't be any more Zoom on Fridays since we are open 5 days a week. Our lesson plan will get emailed to the parents via email/Teaching Strategies (Family area) every week. We are doing a lot of learning activities with your children.



A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 1402

Mr. Steven and Mrs. Monae hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy. Just a quick reminder, with the weather changing daily we ask for you to bring extra weather appropriate clothes and shoes for our sweet little ones; we want to make sure they are comfortable throughout the day. This month we are continuing our study on "insects". So far, the children have learned what an insect is, their characteristics, naming the parts of an insect, and how insects communicate. The study is just beginning and there is so much more to learn. Here's a fun challenge you can do together as a family..."Backyard scavenger hunt" families go outside and explore insects natural environment while trying to find, name, and identify each insect's characteristics.

CLASSROOM 904

For the month of February, we will focus on letters B, Q, and Y as well as the sounds that these letters make while sounding out new words that start with these letters as we go. We will use our name cards to identify the letters in our names as the teacher shows and calls out those letters on little cards.



A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 902

For the month of February our study will be on exercise. Last month we discussed if our school is made from wood and also if cotton grows on trees, which it does not but we found out what items come from cotton.



CLASSROOM 901

In February classroom 901 will kick off a new study; EXERCISE!! If anyone is willing to teach us yoga, meditation, etc over zoom PLEASE let me know!! If you have any equipment you no longer use, and is safe for the children, please contact me. Friendly reminder to please send a blanket for nap time on Mondays and to bring extra clothes.

CLASSROOM 903

Happy February! We will be continuing to work on our study about insects. We will learn about different people who work with insects. By studying insects children will gain meaningful ways to use literacy, mathematics, arts, and technology to investigate and represent their understanding of important concepts related to physical development, science and social studies. We will continue to work on our Second Step curriculum about feelings. Look every Friday in your email about what we are learning.



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Teachers will be sending home activities twice a month. Please make sure you sign and return the forms in a timely manner.

POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

Policy Council met via Zoom today. The December PC minutes were approved. Eight pending hires were approved to proceed in the hiring process. FCP Manager Jaclyn Citarella provided ERSEA training with the Policy Council. Additionally the Updated Selection Criteria was presented and approved by the Policy Council. Jaclyn highlighted and reviewed the confidentiality of our Selection Criteria and personnel conduct policy regarding fraudulent documentation. I provided an overview of our 2020 Community Assessment and recommendations made. This was accepted. Brooksville and Spring Hill Parent Activities were accepted; as were the service area and center reports.



CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

- Parent Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 26, 2021 @ 9AM
- 6 parents were in Attendance on Zoom Meeting and Minutes were done by Jody Lopez (Family Advocate)
- President of Committee was present at the time of Meeting. Everyone in the meeting introduced themselves
- Parent Minutes were read and approved
- December Policy Council report was read
- Program reminders were read:
 - No School for EHS and HS: February 12, 2021 (Student Holiday/Staff In-Service) – Monday, February 15, 2021 (Presidents Day)
 - Half Day for HS ONLY: Tuesday, January 27, 2021 – Dismissal at 1PM.
 - Program hours for EHS is from 8AM-4PM/HS is from 8AM-2PM Monday through Friday.
 - Cut off time is 9AM. A child will not be allowed to enter the program if he/she arrives after 9AM.
 - 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 pickup list.
- Parents were notified of upcoming Job Fair – Wednesday, January 28, 2021. Job Fair will be held at the Spring hill Center from 4PM-7PM. Parents were encouraged to go on the website at www.mfcs.us.com/careers as well as to come in person to apply.
- EHS/HS updates were done by Ms. Jennifer and Mrs. Zoribel- Starting on Monday, January 25, 2021 EHS checking station procedure will be done differently during drop off and pick up. Notices were sent out to Parents/Guardian of new procedures.
- Parent Activity: Parents were giving an introduction of what the Parent Activity consists of and were asked if they would be interested in an event where parents have an opportunity to paint wine glasses while being able to socialize and practice social distance. Parents agreed on the activity. Activity will be held on March, 26, 2021 at 12PM.
- Parents were asked if they had any concerns – parents had no concerns
- Next Parent Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 @ 9AM via Zoom. Meeting Adjourned.

Olivia and the Perfect Valentine, By: Natalie Shaw

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MghnH0qmxXE>