



MARCH

# HEAD START NEWS

Brooksville Early Head Start Newsletter



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## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: **Zoribel Nevarez**

Read Across America Day, also known as Dr Seuss Day, is a yearly observance in the USA inaugurated by the NEA (National Education Association). It is held on the school day that is nearest to 2 March, Dr Seuss birthday. Theodor Seuss Geisel was an American artist, book publisher, animator, poet, a political cartoonist as well as an author. He is best known for authoring over 60 children's books. 10 Benefits of Reading: 1. Children who read often and widely get better at it. After all, practice makes perfect in almost everything humans do, and reading is no different. 2. Reading exercises our brain. Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain rather than watching TV, for example. Reading strengthens brains connections and builds NEW connections. 3. Reading improves concentration. Children have to sit still and quietly so that they can focus on the story when they are reading. If the read often, they will develop the skill to do this for longer. 4. Reading teaches children about the world around them. Through reading a variety of books children learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience. 5. Reading improves vocabulary and language skills. Children learn new words as they read. Subconsciously, they absorb information on how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features effectively in their writing and speaking. 6. Reading develops a child's imagination. As we read our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things into pictures. While we are engaged in a story we are also imagining how a character is feeling. Young children then bring this knowledge into their everyday play. 7. Reading helps children to develop empathy. As children develop they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation. 8. Reading is a fun. A book or an e-reader doesn't take up much space and is light to carry, so you take it anywhere so you can never be bored if you have a book in your bag 9. Reading is a great way to spend time together. Reading together on the sofa, bedtimes stories and visiting the library are just some ways of spending time together. 10. Children who read achieve better in school. Reading promotes achievement in all subjects, not just English. Children who are good readers tend to achieve better across the curriculum.



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Spring break - Monday March 15 through March 19th



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Connected!



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## FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

*By: Jody Lopez, Zorielis Soto*

Greetings to all our families! As, always I want to thank you all for your participation and involvement in the EHS and HS Program. Your presence surely has not gone unnoticed. I look forward to seeing you all at our next Parent Meeting on Tuesday March 23, 2020 at 9AM via Zoom. The Parent activity has been approved by Policy Council! The activity is called "Art from the Heart – Color Me Glass" which will take place on Friday, March 26, 2021 12PM-2PM in the Brooksville Cafeteria which will be hosted by our very own, Zoribel Nevarez, EHS CDS for Hernando. This is a Parents ONLY activity. For those parents unable to attend due to work schedule or unforeseen circumstances, a tote can be provided to the parent with the activity. All Expiration Notices for Immunizations and Physicals have already been sent out for children for the month of March. Please update these documents and submit them to your FA. Also, please update your FA on any Dental or physical appointments you have scheduled. Lastly, please bring your child to school on time and every day. Cut off time is 9AM. A child will not be allowed to enter the program if he/she arrives after 9AM. As a reminder, if your child is absent please notify your FA or teaching staff.



## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

### CLASSROOM 811

Hello Everyone. We have such an exciting March planned! As the weather gets warmer we are going to go exploring and looking for bugs, flowers and all things Spring. We are continuing to learn some new classroom routines as we get ready for Head Start. Please don't forget that we will be closed March 15-19 for Spring Break.

### CLASSROOM 812

March is here and that means that spring is coming. Our children have grown so fast and learned so much that it's amazing to see the wonderful changes in them! We couldn't be more proud! This month has a lot in store for us starting off with sound exploration by shaking, rattling and rolling! The children will be using different materials to create unique sounds as well as learn different animal sounds. For painting, the children will be using watercolors, farm animal toys, feather, sponge and ice as their medium to make some fun and exciting creations. Our paper collage art will also help the children to learn skills in taping, gluing, sticking and tearing. These activities develop the children's creativity in patterns and designs. Our class target is for the children to advance their literacy and mathematical skills. And for these reasons, we will be talking, singing, playing sounds and word games, reading and drawing with the children to set them up to a good literacy foundation. It's never too early to teach our kids basic counting by using simple words, pictures, symbols and objects as tools for them to be able to learn to measure, problem-solve, know about spatial relationship and patterns. Celebrate March with us and let's all have fun! Nikki & Rose



## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

### CLASSROOM 806

It's almost spring! In March we'll be learning about spring, caterpillars, butterflies and ladybugs! We're excited to talk about the shapes we find on bugs and flowers and to count petals, legs, spots and so many other things. We'll continue to work on matching things that look alike. When we're outside we'll look at all the new plants and flowers. Please remember to bring an extra set of clothes for your child! Thank you, Miss Suzi and Ms Maria



### CLASSROOM 807

March is here parents and friends; we are very excited to say our class 807 will be learning about kindness is golden. Every day we will be doing art that relates to our theme and it will be sent home for parents to see. We will also make a rainbow with all of our colors but we will focus more on the color green. In our everyday walk to the playground we will learn about nature and weather. In addition, we will be sending a home activity for you and your child to do together. Important dates to remember Spring Break starts Monday March 15 through March 19th. Classes resume March 22nd. Please remember to send extra clothes for the week and as always Thank you for your continue support. Miss Norma and Jacina

### CLASSROOM 809

Hello parents in March we are going to learn all about how a garden grows and what Things you need to for a garden. We are also going to learn what kind of insect; animals live in the garden. Thank you M.s Bridget. &M.s Yolanda





## PARENT MEETING MINUTES

- Parent Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 16, 2021 @ 9AM
- 6 parents were in Attendance on Zoom
- Meeting and Minutes were done by Jody Lopez (Family Advocate)
- No Parents from the Parent Committee were present.
- Parent Minutes were read and approved
- January Policy Council report was read
- Program reminders were read:
- No School for EHS and HS: March 15-19, 2021 (Student Spring Break)
- Half Day for HS ONLY: Tuesday, February 24, 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. EHS/HS updates were done by Ms. Jennifer and Mrs. Zoribel
- Parent Activity: Parents were notified that the Parent Activity was approved. Activity will be held on March 26, 2021 from 12pm-2PM in the Brooksville Cafeteria. Description for the activity was read to the parents.
- Perfect Attendance Awards were announced.
- Parents were asked if they had any concerns – parents had no concerns pertaining to the program.
- Next Parent Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 @ 9AM via Zoom. Meeting Adjourned.



## CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

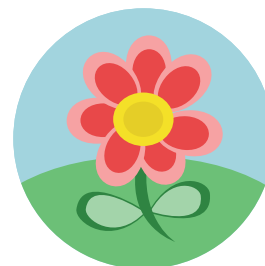
## HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Be in the look at for the home activities that are going home



## POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

On Thursday, February 25, 2021, MFCS HS/EHS Policy Council met via Zoom. New elections were held for the Chair and Vice Chair positions; these were filled. The Policy Council approved the January PC Minutes. Six prospective staff were approved to proceed with hiring. The following reports were approved: budgets, attendance, enrollment, and snack reports. Lastly, the following Parent Activities were approved: Osteen, Westside, and Easter Seals.



Pete the Cat: The Great Leprechaun Chase Author & Illustrator - James Dean  
<https://youtu.be/aUiAnNXvHc>