



MARCH

# HEAD START NEWS

Fairview Early Head Start Newsletter



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## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Sheila Sturgeon

Hello Fairview families. I want to introduce myself as the new Child Development Specialist. My name is Sheila Sturgeon and I have been with Mid-Florida Community Services Head Start/Early Head Start since March 2018. I have worked in Early Head Start as a co-teacher and also as a lead teacher in Head Start teaching VPK. I have been married to my husband for nearly 37 years and we have four children, 13 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. I am originally from Central Indiana relocating to Florida in 2018. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.



## CONTACT US!

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

In-Service Day for teachers, No school for children – March 19

Spring Break -March 22 -26



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Connected!



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## FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

*By: Carmen Rader-Harris*

Hello Fairview Parents, Wanted to Thank All of you for being so enthusiastic about our program. Just a couple things to note: This Month I am excited to announce that Fairview was represented for the first time at EHS/HS Policy Council on February 25th by Shari Hightower! Parent Meetings are virtual and held the Second Tuesday of every month at 1pm. For the month of February we had 0 parents in attendance. We will repeat the topic of "Brain Development" at our March Meeting. Additionally, we will be discussing our Family Engagement Event which is in the planning stages at the March meeting. Feedback is NEEDED PLEASE. Our first Classroom is almost full. We now have 7 children enrolled! If you know of anyone that would benefit from our program, please feel free to give them my cell phone number. I'd be happy to help. Have A Great Month!!

~Carmen Rader-Harris, Family Advocate



## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

### CLASSROOM 115

In classroom 115 we will be working on reviewing routines and procedures due to new students joining our class. We will be washing hands, learning to put toys away after using them, and how to sit at the table to eat. Our students enjoy painting and working with tape to strengthen their fine motor skills. On the playground we will be working with balance on the steps and gross motor skills with the balls.



## HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

## PARENT MEETING MINUTES

### Building Towers

1. Put a set of blocks into a box or dishpan.  
Set out the box for your child to explore.
2. As they play with the blocks, encourage them to see how high they can stack them. When the tower eventually falls, have them count the blocks that made up the tower. You had a lot of blocks in your tower! Would you like to help me count them?
3. Encourage your child to continue building towers. When the tower falls, they can count the blocks and stack them up again or play with the blocks in their own way. Support their persistence in approaching the task.
4. Explain to your child that the blocks will be available for them to use again at a later time.

No parents attended the Parent Meeting this month.



## 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.



## CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

[The Gingerbread Man](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pckuS--UIV4)

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