



MARCH

# HEAD START NEWS

Holly Hill Head Start & Early Head Start Newsletter



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## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Rhonda Lochiatto

Shakespeare warns us of the Ides of March, but in all honesty, I'm more worried as to "weather" or not March will come in like a lion or a lamb? Shall we go fly a kite? But, really, there is so much to look forward to during the month of March starting with Daylight Savings Time! Don't forget to bump your clocks ahead 1 hour on March 14! On March 17th I will be looking to see who is wearing green to celebrate good ole' St. Patrick.

Parents, please remember that it is MFCS policy that face coverings be worn at student drop off and pick up for the health and safety of all. Also, don't forget that our drop off cut off time is 9 am. Please be on time to drop off and to pick up your children, as well. Make sure that anyone you send to pick up is on the approved pick up list or they will not be able to leave with your child.

We are quickly approaching Spring Break which is March 22 thru the 26th this month. Once we return we will be on the downward slope to ending this crazy year. We are so appreciative of your patience, cooperation, and flexibility during these unprecedented times and, as you are, also hoping things can return to a more normal state sooner rather than later. As always if you have any concerns, questions, or need any type of accommodations please contact us.



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 3 – Early Release Day  
March 19 – No School, In-service Day  
March 22-26 – Spring Break



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## FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

*By: Devon Shields*

Please schedule your child's dental appointment.  
Please return your Dental Exam form to your FA.  
Please keep Immunization and Physical updated!



### A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

#### CLASSROOM 1

We will read many of Dr. Seuss's amazing books that are filled with lots of learning opportunities for our children. We will enjoy exploring the next study in our curriculum. The "Tree Study" will continue for the next six weeks. This study builds upon trees to help them explore science and social studies. Through this study we hope to provide our children with curiosity and wonder. We will embark on new vocabulary words related to trees and the many parts of the tree. Each day we will have a question of the day related to trees. We must not forget in the month of March we will be searching for that pot of gold as we travel the colors in the rainbow. We will continue to work hard as we continue to learn our letters and sounds, simple addition, new words to add to our vocabulary beginning and ending sounds, and rhyming words. Have a safe and awesome spring break! ~Mrs. Stephanie/Mrs. Laura

#### CLASSROOM 5

During the month of March, we will continue our lesson on Buildings. The students will learn what buildings are made of, what makes them strong, and what happens inside of buildings. Some of the books we will read this month will be, Building a House, The True Story of The Three Little Pigs and Changes, Changes, Changes. Our Second Step lessons will focus on "Thinking of Solutions and Speaking Assertively." We are asking all parents to review, alphabet, numbers, colors and shapes.

#### EARLY HEAD START CLASSROOM 4

For the month of March our theme will be "rainbows!" Our number of the month will be the number 4, and our color will be the colors of the rainbow (multi-color). The shape for the month will be a circle.



## HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Things you can do at home to reinforce what we are learning at school:

- Fill Yellow plastic eggs with cereal to create a shaker. As your child plays with the eggs, talk about the color yellow and the shape of the oval.
- Use yellow and blue or red plastic eggs to create AB and ABB pattern by color (e.g. yellow, red, yellow, red)
- Set: Sort the plastic eggs by color. Two or three different colored eggs can be used for sorting  
Empty and Full: During bath time, give your child 2 plastic cups and bowls to empty and fill with water. Reinforce empty and full during play.
- Label one half of the plastic eggs with a subitizing dot pattern (1-5) and the other half with the same number of dots in a different arrangement. Show one half of the egg and have your little one find the matching half.



## CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

## PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Parents were reminded that it is MFCS policy to wear masks at drop off and pick up and if they forget their mask we do have some available – to please ask. Please continue to be cautious when driving in and out of our parking lot. Speed bumps will be installed very soon as well as entrance and exit signs. Keep immunizations and physicals up to date and as always feel free to call if you need anything.



## 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.

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