



MARCH

HEAD START NEWS

Hope Place Head Start & Early Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By Arnessia King

Dear Parents, Welcome to March and it's coming in like a lion! According to the old saying, March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. In many parts of the country, the month of March brings changeable weather. This is a great time to enjoy Science and other weather-related activities. Children are so great at slowing down and noticing things. Here are some amazing weather activities for you and your child to explore: · Enjoy the wind and open air by flying a kite · Lie on a blanket outside and look up at the clouds to see what shapes you can see; a dog, elephant, etc. · Look for red-seeded dandelions and blow them like the wind. · Seasons of sensory bottles filled with cotton balls and blue glitter for clouds and rain. With our ever-changing weather daily bouncing between warm and cold, please keep in mind appropriate clothing for your child when bringing them into the center. Here's a reminder that Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday March 14, 2021. On Saturday evening, our clocks need to "spring forward" one hour. And speaking of spring, Spring Break begins March 22-26, 2021. Enjoy your family but remember to social distance, wash your hands and continue to wear your mask.

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10-6: x106 11-6: x206

10-7: x107 11-10: x210



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 19- In-Service Day/ Student Holiday

March 22-26 (Spring Break)

March 29 (School Resumes)



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Rebecca Hassan & Bernadette Flake

Spring is in the air, the first day of spring will be on March 20th. Have you thought about your Spring Break and Summer Camp plans? Remember to start the search early, so you can start budgeting and applying for summer scholarships if they are available. Spring Break programs are limited. Visit Volusia County Moms and fun4daytonakids.com to find the local camps. Thank you for always attending parent meetings and being active at Hope Place!

Your Family Advocates, Rebecca and Bernadette



A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

HEAD START CLASSROOM 10-2

Ms. Phaleisa: 10-2 Will continue its clothes study, we will discuss the many ways we can take care of our clothes. We're also going to make paper bag coats and grass skirts out of recycled plastic bags. At the end of the week we will model our paper bag coats and grass skirts. Remember last month we planted seeds, we're going to observe and discuss the growth of the flower seeds planted for Valentine's day in front of our class.

CLASSROOM 11-1

11-1 Ms. Stacy & Monica: Classroom 11-1 is finishing up the simple machine study. We were able to give each child an ATM bank from the Home Depot to put together and use with their families. Our next study is The Garden. The children will continue to explore our Head Start garden they have worked so hard on. We will be adding tomatoes to the garden and are looking forward to a great harvest. We continue to work on our letter recognition along with the corresponding letter sound and placing the correct number of dot the corresponding number. The children have been introduced to sight words and simple addition. Thank you, Classroom 11-1 Stacy and Monica

CLASSROOM 11-10

11-10 Ms. Vicky & Ms. Britnie: Mrs. Vicky & Ms. Britnie's classrooms have been studying about Insects. We went on an insect hunt on the playground (plastic insects) using our special glasses and tools to find them. We have also went around the school to hunt for real bugs. We saw ants around an ant hole, a moth, a grasshopper and bees. We have been focusing on letters T, S, M, and A; shapes Star, Heart, Triangle; counting, sorting, matching, and rhyming words.



A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

EARLY HEAD START CLASSROOM 10-6

Greetings From Classroom 10-6, We are marching into March, and thanking all of you parent's for your continuous support. Us working together helps everyone to grow. Our color for March is green. Mrs. Ericka and Ms. Jodi have many spring activities that they will be sharing with you. Classroom 10-6, will be exploring, "All Things Spring!" We are asking that you be sure to update all of your contact information with your Family Advocate and/or child's teacher. Our mission is to connect and add value to the community by building trust and influencing people.



CLASSROOM 10-7

10-7 Ms. Wendy & Akilah: Can you believe it? It's March already! We'd like to welcome our new friend Cheienne to our class. We'd also like to say congrats to our friends Gianna and Markeith who are growing and moving from Early Head Start to Head Start. In our classroom, we will continue to focus on social-emotional, gross motor, fine motor, cognitive and language developments. Our lesson theme for this month is GREEN! We will explore everything Green: plants, veggies, trees, frogs, snakes, lizards, Etc. We look forward to sharing all of our wonderful moments with our families. As always don't forget to read, read, read!

CLASSROOM 11-4

11-4 Ms. Wilmarie & Ms. Gericka: The children of class 11-4 in this March will explore the different geometric figures and explore their skills in playing with their companions on the playground. In the classroom they will be doing different activities such as painting and playing with the tunnel. We are super happy that depending on what is going on around us our children are growing for the future that we will all be a part of together.

CLASSROOM 11-6

11-6 Ms. Maria & Ms. Gail: March Madness is here!! Can you guess what's happening in the month of March? Spring begins March 20th. Our class will talk about spring, flowers, and baby animals this month. Did you know March 2nd is Dr. Seuss' Birthday? We will celebrate his birthday by reading some of his books in class. You can celebrate too by going to your nearest library and checking out some of the wonderful books he wrote and illustrated. He wrote over 60 books! Wow, that's a lot of books! Don't forget to wear your green in March. ~Ms. Maria and Ms. Gail



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Have you ever wondered what items sink and what items will float? Well, go ahead and test it out. This is a great activity to spark curiosity and motivate your little ones to form question the world around them. This activity can be done in the bathtub or with a bucket filled with water. The materials you'll need is water, a bucket, sink or bathtub and a variety of kid safe objects to test out. Hope you enjoy and happy experimenting and questioning.



CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Day: 4 Month: February.

Parent Meeting started at: 11:00am · Parents were greeted by: Rebecca and Bernadette

· The Pledge of Allegiance was leaded by: N/A.

· Minutes from last Parents Meeting were given by: Rebecca

· Policy Council Representative, reported Policy Council Minutes: Yes: X . No: . · Parents were notified of coming Important Dates: February 15th- Presidents day; March 22-26 – Spring Break

Notes: Parents were greeted by Rebecca and Bernadette. The ice breaker was favorite warm drink. Many parents stated coffee and tea were their favorites.

Policy council report was given. Arnessia CDS gave teaching team reports and what's going on in the classrooms. Rebecca gave out the important dates.

Parents went over week 4 What you do Matters. No questions or concerns at this time Meeting adjourned at:

 11:40am . Presents: 4 . Parent

Committee: 2 . Staff: 3 . Minutes taken by: Rebecca

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.

Title: Where's the Green Sheep? Author: Mem Fox Illustrator: Judy Horacek E-book link: [Where's the Green Sheep?](#)