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HEAD START NEWS

Port Orange Head Start & Early Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By Andrea Rodgers

Can't believe March is already upon us. It seems like the months are flying by much too quickly. February was a flash and I am sure summer will be here in the blink of an eye. We had lots of exciting events that occurred in February and have much more to come in March.

We are delighted with the progress of all our children at this point of the school year. All have totally excelled in all their preschool activities. Our staff feels so fortunate to have such delightful, bright and beautiful children.

We also appreciate all of our parents' efforts in getting their children to class. Your participation and communication makes our job so much easier. Thank you for taking the time to allow the Teachers to complete virtual home visits. It's great to see the children in their natural environments when they join you in these conferences. It helps the teachers learn so much about them.

March presents another fun filled and busy month in our center. We will continue to fill the student's days with a combination of fun activities, educational games and many other events.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

3/19: Student Holiday
3/22-3/26: Spring Break



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Yvette Altman & Naquita Merrit



Welcome to March. As we continue to navigate through this challenging year, we would like to say Thank You for your continued participation within our Head Start/Early Head start program. For those of you who are not aware Elizabeth Coleman has moved to a New Position within our agency and we wish her well. We are excited to Welcome Naquita Merrit as our New Family Advocate. Her classes are Classroom(s) 1, 4 and 5, and she is also the Advocate for Indian River. Her Ext: is 111. March 22nd through the 26th is our Spring Break so please take the time to enjoy family time. If you need assistance please feel free to call Naquita or Yvette.

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 1

Hello families, As we study buildings we will learn concepts and skills in science, social studies, literacy, math, the arts, and technology. We will also be using thinking skills to investigate, ask questions, solve problems, make predictions, and test our ideas. Talk with your child about the buildings that you see together. Study your house or apartment building together. What materials were used to build it? How many rooms, windows, and doors does it have? How old is your home? Who built it? What are the dimensions? There are so many ways to explore this topic and we look forward to your insight. Sincerely, Miss Brianna and Mrs. Sue

CLASSROOM 2

By: Ms. Rivas/ Mrs. Vazquez Dear Parents: In March, we will start exploring about our new topic: Buildings! Using the Second Step curriculum, we will work on the skills of thinking of solutions, assertiveness, and learning ways to make new friends in Kindergarten. The concepts that we will be working on are: identifying their initials, writing their names, 1-18, colors black, white, grey, and pink, triangle, square, rectangle, circle, oval, counting, quantifying and letters Tt, Aa, Ff, Ss, Mm, Rr, Ii, Cc, Pp, Bb, Oo, Gg; matching letters. Please review these learning skills at home, read the Teaching Strategies Family App announcements, and do the home activities each month. Thank you!

CLASSROOM 3

Hello All, This month we will be reaching into our creative side and working with all of our senses! Learning about new textures and different things we can do with them. This month is all about working together and enjoying the new world we are about to step into. -Ms. Kasane and Mrs. April

CLASSROOM 4

This month, we will enjoy Spring! Learning to plant flowers and vegetable seeds, we will look for insects (Butterfly, ladybug, ants...) with a magnifying glass. We will introduce new words, colors, numbers, shape, songs, and dances.....
-Ms. Jessica R. /Anel B.

CLASSROOM 5

In classroom 5 with Ms. Juanita and Ms. Nancy, we will be learning about bugs and butterflies in the month of March. We plan to observe the insects we encounter outdoors and try to identify them. We'll do art activities based on flowers, bees, butterflies and other bugs. Later in the month we will study desert animals and animals of the jungle. We will read books and stories pertaining to the subject of the week, and as always, keep our bodies moving and active as we play and explore outdoors.

HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Mix Up pairs of identical pictures and ask your child to find matches and name them. Your child will learn to recognize which pictures are the same and may say the name of each one.



CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

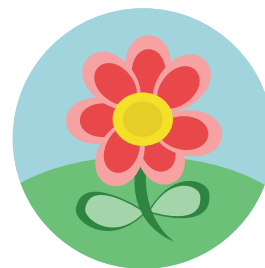
PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Introduction of Naquita as new FA. Spring Break and upcoming parent activities



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.



Couch Potato

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

The Ugly Duckling

[youtube.com/watch?v=v_FpxF8z3Kg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v_FpxF8z3Kg)