



APRIL

# HEAD START NEWS

EVEC Head Start Newsletter



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## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: *Sheila Sturgeon*

Hello Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing Spring Break! I want to share some holidays coming up.

April 1 – April Fool's Day...don't be fooled J

April 2 – World Autism Day..learn about autism

April 7 – World Health Day...thank a nurse

April 22 – Earth Day..pick up trash

April 30 – Arbor Day...plant a tree

National Child Abuse Awareness Month and National Autism Awareness Month

Let us all do our share and have a great April.

Ms. Sheila



## CONTACT US!

**CDS:** Sheila Sturgeon (386)-323-7114 x120

**Family Advocates:**

Janet Ali- 386-323-7114 x110

**Classroom Phone Number (386)-323-7114**

**Extensions**

Classroom 2: Mrs. Mary & Ms. Shakitha x102

Classroom 4: Ms. Kim and Ms. Briget x104

Classroom 5: Mrs. Gaynell & Ms. Yolanda x105



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 7 – Early Release



Head Start  
Mid Florida Community Services  
Early Head Start

Let's Get  
Connected!



@MFCSHHeadStart



## FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

*By: Janet Ali*

Spring is in the air and the end of the school year is fast approaching. Parents will be contacted for children that are returning. Information will be shared with you with regards to Kindergarten. If your child is going to kindergarten please check their zoned school for registration dates. Please tell your friends and family members with infants, toddlers, three and four-year-old children to contact Ms. Janet @ 386-323-7115 to complete an application for Head Start and Early Head Start. Remember to have your child's health records updated. Summer VPK will be offered at Hope Place. We will share more information with you as soon as we receive them. Be Safe and healthy.

## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

### CLASSROOM 1

Currently Closed.

### CLASSROOM 2

Hello everyone from Classroom 2! I hope everyone had a great spring break! Our study for this month is "Buildings." We're setting up our Dramatic Play Area thrillingly and engagingly for the kids to learn all about this new study. We are continuing with identifying letters, numbers, and shapes through fun and exciting activities. We will also keep working on learning the importance of staying safe and helping others stay safe using classroom rules. We want to thank you for all your patience and understanding in this not so typical school year we have had. Let's continue to work together so we can finish the rest of the year out strong.

Mrs. Mary & Ms. Shakitha





## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

### CLASSROOM 4

Greetings from Classroom 4!

April is here already and we are feeling refreshed from spring break and ready to have a strong finish to the school year. We are working on our gardening study, and enjoying our new garden center in dramatic play. As the year is coming closer to an end we are working more and more on our kindergarten readiness skills. Keep working with your child at home, you are their first teacher! Don't forget to sign your child up for kindergarten! If you have a VPK voucher, inquire about the summer VPK program with our F.A. Thanks for all you do!  
Ms. Kim and Ms. Briget

### CLASSROOM 5

The year is almost over and we are getting ready for Kindergarten. We will begin using trays and we will have the children walk through the line during our meal times. This will help prepare them for when they go to the cafeteria for meals. We will not be having a nap time so they do not have to bring a blanket for nap. We will also be working on sight words, compound words and more story problems to help children prepare for the kindergarten experience. We will continue working on number and letter recognition, writing their first and last names as we develop and build skills needed to move forward to kindergarten. Thanks for working with us to make this school year the best for our children.

Mrs. Gaynell & Ms. Yolanda





## HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Look for Hearts in Nature:

As you are out and about this month take time to look for hearts in nature. You'll be surprised how many you find if you slow down to look. We always find many leaves, rocks, and even flower petals in the shape of a heart when we go on a Heart Scavenger Hunt.

Talk about How the Human Heart Works:

Take some time to learn about the human heart. Read a book, watch a YouTube video, or just have a conversation about the heart. Teach children how to feel their own heartbeat. Then monitor their heartbeat at rest and after physical activity.

## PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Not available at this time.



## POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

On March 18, 2021, the Policy Council met via Zoom. February's Minutes were approved. Four proposed staff were approved to hire. Attendance, enrollment, and snack reports were approved. One Parent Activity for EVEC was approved. All Area and Center Reports were approved.



## CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

Grace for President: by Kelly DiPucchio  
<https://youtu.be/l66lvCBm1Vw>