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HEAD START NEWS

Blue Lake Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Jeamary Garcia

Going to Kindergarten

It is hard to believe that this is our last newsletter. Our preschool year is winding down and many of our preschoolers will be off to kindergarten in the fall. Remember, going to school is a natural progression for children and most will be very ready to go. To help your child look forward to a new school, be sure to talk positively about attending kindergarten. Talk often about making new friends, learning new things, growing up, and becoming a "big boy or girl." Plan to attend your school's orientation with your child, visit your public library and read, read, read to your child over the summer months. Head Start "transition bags" contain some terrific ideas for learning new things and having big fun.

We thank you for entrusting your child to us this year. We have enjoyed working with all of the children in our care and have seen growth, development and skill acquisition in all of the boys and girls. We have also witnessed how the children have grown in the way they deal with frustration and the care and concern they express for one another.

This time last year we were rapidly getting our heads around life in a COVID-19 world. It's nice to have a little bit more normality this year. Thank you all for being patient with us as we navigate this temporary change to our school routines.

Thank you for being your child's first and most important teacher and working with us on behalf of your child. We thank you for your support throughout the year. We feel a close partnership with our parents and send you our best wishes.

Hoorah for preschoolers!!! We appreciate your support. Have a wonderful and safe summer!



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Parent Meeting- May 10, 2021 @ 3:00 pm

Early Release is May 19, 2021.

No school-May 31, 2021 due to Memorial Day.



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Anna Triplett

Gardening with your child

Engage them through the Entire Process, From Seed to Table: They will learn that gardening can be fun and that they are contributing to the family. Be sure they alone do the harvesting and preparation of their crop for the table, no matter how modest the offering.

You may need to help out a little 'behind the scenes': Not every garden task is pleasant, and the child may not be ready at all times for all chores.

Child friendly plants:

Sunflower: A must for a child's garden, plant just one or two, since they take a lot of room. Sunflowers will sprout in one week, becomes a small seedling in two weeks, and should be 2' tall in a month. In eight weeks, the buds will flower revealing hundreds of seed kernels.

Lettuce/Mescluns: Greens are a quick and reliable crop to give the child fast results, and also a good way to interest kids in salads. Lettuce likes part shade; The seeds will germinate in 7-10 days; growing season is 40-50 days. You

Cherry Tomatoes: These may be the most fun crop for a child, plant in full sun and use seedlings rather than planting from seed. Cherry tomatoes can also be grown in containers.

Nasturtiums: Grow and yield results quickly. Nasturtiums bloom about 50 days after the seeds are planted. The flowers are also edible, an used to add colour to a fresh garden salad.

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 12-022

Welcome to spring. We will be finishing up the building study and moving to the Balls study. In the last couple of weeks of the Building study we will finish up talking about how you make buildings and what is needed to make them. We will also learn about the different types buildings we see in the community. In the Balls study, we will be learn about all different types of balls and what type of sports they are used for. We will also be working on measuring the buildings and predicting which ball can roll. We will be reviewing the letters that we have learned from the other months. In second step, we will be talking about learning in kindergarten, riding the kindergarten bus, reviewing how to calm down, and fair ways to play. If your child is going to be late or absent please call and let the teachers know.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marilyn and Miss. Katie



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Blue Lake Parent meeting notes April 2021

Family Advocate Anna Triplett greeted parents.

Update on what's happening in the classroom; we are learning about building things and construction. We have a focus on safety equipment such as hardhats. The children have been enjoying playing with the different block sets provided in the classroom and learning about different tools used in construction such as tape measures. The teacher reminded the parents to complete homework assignments sent home and return them to the classroom. The letter X is being focused on this month and putting number in order. The class has also been discussing transitioning to Kindergarten.

Family advocate Anna Triplett; presented the lesson. "Making it Routine" This was the final lesson in the What you do Matters Curriculum; We acknowledged the parent's growth and development over the past five months, and how what was learned has helped their children. Discussing the different areas of development, we have been focusing on throw-out the program; such as Language, Cognitive, Social-emotional and Motor skills. The parents were reminded to remember that although they are their children's first and most important teacher they must try and take time for themselves to maintain their own physical and mental health wellbeing by taking time for themselves to recharge.

Daniel Hire won the book drawing; Sunshine by Jan Ormerod

Next month's parent meeting will focus on Hurricane preparedness.



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Giving the parents a picture frame to paint with their child at home.



POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

The April Policy Council met via Zoom today. The March Minutes were approved. Five proposed staff were approved for hire. The Attendance/Enrollment and Snack reports were Approved. Several policies and procedures were reviewed and accepted. The Bushnell and Holly Hill Parent Activities were approved as were all Center and Service Reports.



CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

Bounce By Doreen Cronin

<https://youtu.be/NZUgOhsTzmM>