



MAY

HEAD START NEWS

Coleman 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

May 18 – Parent Meeting
May 19 – Early Release
May 31 – Holiday



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Robyn Walker, Carolina Estrada

Dear Parents,

Can you believe that the school year is almost over? You truly have contributed a lot with your child education and our school! Before the end of the school year comes, I would like to give you some survival tips for the summer. Most of us feel free relieve that during the school year our children have a safe place to stay during the day but, What do we do for summer child care? Well, here are some helpful ideas to decrease of your child care summer stress. Family and friends, during summer we have to believe that they make a huge difference when they assist with the care of our children. Sport and summer camps, are an obvious option for everybody. If you act early some local cities summer camps or sport programs will offer scholarship to lower the cost. Summer VPK, did you know that if your child is ready to transition to kindergarten next school year and if you haven't used your VPK voucher during the school year, you can request it for the summer. The best part is that Coleman will offer summer program and the best part that all is cover with Summer VPK voucher. You can come and visit the office for application assistance or for more information. We will be in the office all summer serving you and other families as well. If your child is returning next school year, we need to meet to review some paperwork and to complete the VPK application. If your child is transition to kindergarten and if need their Physical and Immunization, please contact us for support.

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 1

In the month of May we will be continuing our gardening study. We will continue to learn about gardening, types of gardens, and how to take care of them. We will also study plant life cycles as well as their parts. Once we finish this study we will be moving on to our final study for this school year; transitioning to kindergarten. In Second Step we will be focusing on Unit 5: Transitioning to Kindergarten. Thank you for your cooperation and support!

CLASSROOM 3

Over the next several days and weeks, you and your child will investigate the questions such as: "What food comes from trees?", "Who takes care of Trees?", "How do trees change?", and "What can we do with parts of Trees?" As you find the answer to this question together, your child will discover how important trees are in our everyday lives.

Have these discussions with your child, see what they already know.

- What foods animals eat that come from trees.
- What foods do people eat that come from trees.
- What types of food from trees your family members or friends enjoy most.

CLASSROOM 2

May is here, we are almost done with school and Ms. Arelis and Ms. Linnette for the month of May will be talking about Balls. We will be being talking with the children about how the balls spin, bounce, roll. We will discuss what we know and want to learn about this topic the different forms of the balls and sizes. Then we will talk about how balls can be used and where. In second step, we will be talking about Friendships Skill and Problem Solving.

CLASSROOM 4

Spring is here and Insects and Bugs are sure to follow. Now is the perfect time for children to learn all about them so, during this month, our class will be focusing on insects, over time, we will learn all the basic names for some insects and then we will go into learning about more specific insects. Identifying insects is a fun part of teaching children about the creepy crawlies.

Furthermore, it is hard to believe that the school year is almost over. It has been a joy to watch your children grow mentally, physically, socially, and emotionally this year. We are happy for them but also a little sad to see them grow up so quickly.

As the year begins to wind down, we would like to give a great big thank you to all.

**Ready for
Kindergarten!**



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Nature Walk

Invite your child to take a nature walk together. Carefully explore the different plants, insects and flowers during your walk. Look around for any seeds you might find. Discuss what you see and ask your child questions.

Fill and Dump

Children at this stage love to experiment with cause and effect by filling up containers and dumping out. You are encouraging your child's fine-motor development as she fills and dumps by providing materials that are the right size for her or him. Small blocks or beads and large containers.

Rhyming Riddles—Rhymes

- Talk with your child about rhyming words. Explain that rhyming words sound alike at the end of the word. Offer some examples and invite your child to say some rhyming words they know.
- Explain that a riddle is a word puzzle, or word problem, that your child can figure out. Pose a riddle that prompts them to share a rhyming word. For example, say, I'm thinking of something you wear on your head that rhymes with cat, or For lunch we will be having a fruit that rhymes with "banana."
- After your child has solved the riddles, invite them to share a riddle for you to guess. Play the game until your child is no longer interested.

Was your child able to answer the riddle with the given clues? How many words did they rhyme?



CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Parent Committee Chairperson:

- Ice Breaker Game
- Parent's meeting minutes in newsletter

New Business

- (1)Policy Council Report by Bonnie Romero – Absent
- (2) Parent Curriculum (What you do Matters) Language Development - Robyn Walker

Important Dates:

- No School - Monday 5/31/21 (In-Service/Memorial Day - Holiday).
- Early Release - 05/19/2021
- Next Parent Meeting – Tuesday 5/18/21 @ 11:00 am

Service Area Reports:

* CDS – Thanks parents for their support, we continuing going over the process of transitioning to kindergarten; for example, cafeteria and take away nap time.

* Teachers – Classroom 1: Learning about Insect and gardening, flower, plants.

Classroom 2: Learning about the different types of buildings (restaurant, library, school)

Classroom 3: Learning about clothing and numbers, counting from 50 to 100.

Classroom 4: Learning about Recycling and how use different materials.

* Family Advocate – Please remember to stay up do date with all the notices that are sent home for Dental Exams, Dental treatments, Parent Meetings and Medical Expiration Notice for Immunization and Physical Exams. The regular attendance of your child is very important; we congratulated each child with perfect attendance from each classroom.

Announcements / Questions / Comments / Personal Sharing

•3 Parents attended

•Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

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.

Story: The Tiny Seed Author: Eric Carle - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZITrzoK4c>

Don't Lose It Reuse It - by Nancy Noel Williams
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOwHsXifO2w>

"The Apple Tree" by, Zoe Hall -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1nTkOccVd3g>

PETE THE CAT AND THE COOL CATERPILLAR - written by James Dean
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T3zsR1V82wk>