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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: *Pamela Fennett*

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.

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!

~ Ms. Pam



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Early Release: May 19th
Parent Meeting: May 20th @ 3:00pm



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

Dear parents:

During this month we'll be making appointment to complete the Rollover process for the children coming back the next school year. Please contact the FA if you don't have yet you appointment. We are approaching the summer and we can start with free things that don't cost anything with our children. Here are some ideas:

- Head out to your local woods, beach or park for a walk
- Create an obstacle course, indoors or outdoors, and test your skills in a friendly family competition. .
- Enjoy Gardening with your children.
- Design and build a Lego or plastic brick structure. It could be a castle, a house, a fire station, or maybe a small town.
- Sand play with a large shallow plastic container and some play sand.

If you have any question or concern doesn't hesitate to call me.

Thank you,
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Queridos padres:

Durante este mes estamos haciendo las citas para completar el proceso de los niños que regresan en Agosto. Por favor de contactar al FA si todavía no tiene una cita. Estamos acercándonos al verano y podemos comenzar con actividades libre de costo.

Aquí tenemos algunas ideas:

Ir al parque, a la playa o solo caminar al aire libre.

Crear una Carrera de obstáculos dentro o fuera de la casa y tener una competencia familiar.

Hacer jardinería con los niños.

Diseñar o construir estructuras con Lego o objetos plásticos.

Jugar con arena con un embudo llano con arena.

Si tiene cualquier pregunta o preocupación. No deje de contactarme.

Gracias,

Joseline Couto, Family Advocate
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A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 1

For the month of May, we will continue our study on Insects until the end of the school year. Most children are fascinated with insects and their colors, shapes, movement and behaviors. Children can explore on their hands and knees to get a closer look at insects. They will enjoy investigating about them.

Our daily routine will continue by asking a question of the day about our study during large group discussions. This will assist in facilitating language development and literacy. Furthermore, children will continue exploring and investigating in different centers through play (dramatic, construction, library, art, science, table toys, and computer areas). This will aid in building their social skills such as: peer interaction, sharing, taking turns, having conversations, language, how to play, etc.

Consequently, children will continue learning their letters/sound, shapes, and counting and matching numbers with quantities. There will be a different letter and shape on a weekly basis. In addition, we have started a new curriculum called Safer, Smarter, Kids where children will learn to protect themselves in situations where someone might want to hurt or harm them, continue our Second Step Program where they are learning and practicing appropriate social skills.

Ms. Simone & Ms. Chanie



CLASSROOM 3

Hello everyone. For the month of May our study will be Reduce, Reuse, Recycle where children will have the opportunity to learn and investigate with fun activities about different ways to save our planet. During the study the children also will learn new vocabulary, every day we will provide a question about the study, and we will have a discussion. As well, we will watch educational learning videos about recycling. We also are preparing them for kindergarten transition, teaching those Rhyming words, compound words, syllables, shapes, number and letters identifications, etc. Also, we are doing our Second Step Curriculum. Every day children learn and practice with real examples social skills and our Second Step lesson for May are: Learning in Kindergarten, Riding the Bus and Making Friends. Practically we are teaching them the listening rules and all the skills needed for being successful in kindergarten. In addition, we will continue our new curriculum Safer, Smarter kids about Safety Rules, Strangers, Guiding voice, Private Parts, Personal Space and Safe vs. Unsafe Secrets.

We wish you all a great and safe summer!!!

Ms. Omaid and Ms. Mary

CLASSROOM 2

Temporarily Closed



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Continue to work with your children over the summer with routines.



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.



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from Policy Council Meeting:

- Kathia Nunez- Meeting was held on May 18th. They approved 4 staff hires, food program and enrollment. The Parent Activity for EVEC was approved.

New Events:

- Next parent meeting will be May 20, 2021
- Early Release Day is May 19, 2021
- Congratulations to Ji Shee Ford for volunteering to be the chairperson for WVEC center. Thank you for being so faithful to attend each meeting.
- Orientation to kindergarten will be held virtually on May 11, 2021. Each student moving up will receive an invite to the meeting and Pam Fernet (CDS) will be putting together Transition packets for each student as well.

Vote for the Parent Activity:

- Parent Activity will be a craft. Parents will sign up to participate. Activity will be on May 14, 2021.

What's happening in the classrooms:

- Deland Campus-
- Mrs. Mary Classroom 3- Class is doing the building study and workings on what buildings are in our neighborhood. Second Step lesson has been on finding solutions in any situation. Students are also working on the Safer, Smarter, Kids program.
- Mrs. Simone Classroom 1- Class is currently studying Insects. Students are working on the areas of Social Emotional development and Cognitive development. We are continuing to work on letter recognition and sounds. The class is also working on the Safer, Smarter, Kids program.
- Ms. Pam shared she will be making transition packets for those children moving on the kindergarten. She also thanked the parents for all their support to with the teachers as this was a difficult year with COVID.
- **Presentation on Language and Critical Thinking Resources was cut short. Mrs. Joseline spoke about sending out an email with website to looking into those resources.**

Raffle winners:

- Ji Shee
- Kathia
- Carime

CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

I Love Bugs! By Philemon Sturges - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGxI6v-kIOY>

Michael Recycle book reading - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=56HZluEuDOW>