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HEAD START NEWS

Deltona Lakes Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Rhonda Lochiatto

Happy May! We made it to the end. We have faced challenges this year that we never could have imagined and it has definitely made us stronger all around. I'm so proud of my staff for their dedication, determination, and perseverance. I am so proud of our families for their patience, flexibility, and understanding. This month I hope all of our mothers stop and take time to relax and enjoy time with their families.

Parents, don't forget that our early release day this month is May 19th, and we will be closed on May 31st for the Memorial Day holiday. Also, be on the lookout as our teachers will be contacting you to schedule end of the year conferences.

Best wishes to our children moving on to kindergarten. To everyone else, enjoy your summer break and we look forward to seeing you back in the Fall!



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Early Release: Wednesday, May 19, 2021

No School: Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2021

Last Day of School: Friday, June 4, 2021



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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 418

Dear Families,

Wow, the time has really flown by this school year! Our last full month of school is going to be packed with fun learning opportunities. Our classroom theme will be, "Getting Ready for Kindergarten" and we will be reading stories, singing songs, and talking about what it will be like in kindergarten. With this theme, we will be reviewing all of the literacy and math concepts that we have taught this school year such as letters, letter sounds, shapes, numbers, patterns, and counting sets of objects. We are also continuing to make that transition from pre-k to kindergarten. Our big pre-k children are eating in the cafeteria, making their own food choices, and are no longer taking naps! We are all tired at the end of the day, but are enjoying more time engaging in learning activities and spending more time having fun with our friends.

We want to let you know that during the last week of school, we will be participating in fun theme days that will end with a class party on the last day of school. We will send home a copy of our school events as soon as we get the schedule, so please make sure you are checking your child's backpack every day. We don't want any of our little ones to miss out on the fun. Also, we want to remind our parents that we will be conducting our last Head Start parent/teacher conferences in May. Mrs. McCormick will be getting with you to schedule these conferences in advance and they will be conducted on the school premises. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Once again, it seems as if this year has gone by so fast and we are going to have to say goodbye to many of our friends and families. For those of you who will be moving on to kindergarten in the fall, we want to thank you for working with us this year and we wish you all of the best next school year. For those families who will be returning to us next year, we hope you have a wonderful fun and safe summer! See you next year!!

Ms. McCormick & Ms. Rodriguez



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Things you can do at home to reinforce what we are learning at school:

Prepare your child for Kindergarten:

-Read, Read, Read at least once a day. Ask your child lots of questions about what is happening in the story. This will work on comprehension and will give them lots of practice communicating.

-Play lots of alphabet and number games. Look for number and letters around your house and neighborhood. Bring a clipboard and have your child practice writing letters, words and numbers.

-Encourage your child to draw and make up stories about their drawings. Ask them about their pictures and write down their story. As you write their responses, read it back to them so that they learn that we can write down what we say.

-Make a weekly visit to the library! Did you know that our local libraries provide school readiness activities during the summer. Call or check the website of your local library for their story time and crafting activity schedule.

Make Learning Fun and Playful!



CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Deltona Lake parent meeting:

Due to the closure of our classroom for a week this month during the time we unfortunately missed our parent meeting. I wanted to provide to all of you what is happening in the classroom and what we would have talked about during our parent's meeting.

Teacher Susan: This month we are continuing to talk about weather and seasons as we dress our little boy puppet in the appropriate clothes. We are focusing on letters U and V and will be reviewing all of the letters next week as we focus on the story, "Chicka, Chicka Boom, Boom". In science, we are learning about butterflies and acting out the life cycle as we pretend to be an egg, that hatches into a caterpillar, spin to make our cocoon, and turn into a flying butterfly. We are making the transition into kindergarten and are eating in the cafeteria with the big kids and making our own food choices.

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.

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

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.

"Bobby Bumble's Afraid to Fly" by Ethan Crawberry @ kidsworldfun.com