



MAY

HEAD START NEWS

Indian River Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Andrea Rodgers

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!



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

5/19 Early Release Head Start Only

5/31 No School – Memorial Day



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Yasmin Moore

FROM THE DESK OF THE FAMILY ADVOCATE.

April in Review: April continued to be a trying time for all due to the continued presence of COVID-19. Fortunately, none of our classrooms had to be closed. Families are encouraged to continue practicing social distance, wear mask and wash up.

Medical Records: Parents are encouraged to turn in updated medical records after child had a new doctor's appointment for physical, immunization or dental.

Attendance- Parents are encouraged to bring their child to school often, preferably every day; and to keep sick children home.

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 210

In the month of May we will be learning about new places and things like getting ready for kindergarten. We will continue with the alphabet W-Z. Also we will be reviewing numbers and things we have learned. The students will be discussing more about their feelings and the changes that take place meeting new friends.



**Ready for
Kindergarten!**



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Look for Cosmic Yoga on YouTube. The leader on these wonderful videos turn your child's favorite stories and acts them out using yoga poses. Have fun! Namaste!



CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Parent Meeting started at: 3:00 p.m. via ZOOM.

REPORTS

- Teachers: Yes: X No:
- FA: YES: X No:
- Policy Council : Yes : XNo:

Notes: FA greeted parent and teacher

FA did an ice breaker called "Grab & Share" / "Show & Tell". Child who was on Zoom with his parent participated.

Teacher greeted parent and presented information on classroom activities

Policy Council representative was not present so FA gave the Policy Council Report

FA discussed attendance for the month of March and encouraged parent to continue sending her child to school every day- all day. FA asked parent to contact the school before 9 a.m. if the child will be absent. FA reviewed important dates for the month of May FA reviewed perfect attendance for March. One child had perfect attendance.

FA and teacher engaged parent in a discussion on the importance of attendance to the child's future success. FA gave mom the Mother's Day gift basket since she was the only parent present

FA explained the purpose of the parent meetings and encouraged parent participation. FA discussed research which indicates the importance of parent participation
<https://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/download?doi=10.1.1.551.2180&rep=rep1&type=pdf>

1 parent was present at the meeting.

FA wished mothers Happy Mother's Day since this is the last meeting before Mother's day

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

FA will do Survey to determine date/time of next meeting

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.

"Just Like Josh Gibson" by Angela Johnson
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8LLUexbFQc>

If You Give a Dog a Donut" by Laura Numeroff
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBGdYKvJ2cY>