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HEAD START NEWS

Woodward Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: *Pamela Fernet*

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

May 13: Parent Meeting @ 3pm

May 16: Early Release @1pm

May 31: Memorial Day Holiday



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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.

Cheat a Little: 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, and can be used to add color to a fresh garden salad.

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 1030

Dear Parents:

It is the time to reflect on the school year, looking back on your child's journey. You can think about how much they have grown and changed since our first day of school. There are many memories of all their school experiences and what they have learned. Most of the children will go to kindergarten and some will participate in a second year of Pre-Kindergarten. I am sure all children are ready for school next year and for many years afterwards.

This month we will be talking about "Look what I can do now". We will know the different modes of transportation and how to use them. We will explore our environment with science and math activities. With reading and music we will incorporate new and interesting vocabulary. We will talk about what will happen next year and what our kindergarten classroom will look like. We will work with emotions and how they make us feel.



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Parent meeting notes April 2021

Family Advocate Anna Triplett greeted parents.

Update on what's happening in the classroom; we are learning about plants and the different parts that make up a plant. The teachers are observing the children's social emotional development as they interact in the different areas of the classroom. We are also working on helping the children with daily routines, by repeating daily activities. Our goal is to help the children feel a connection to their teacher, classmates and the school. We reminded the parents to continue working with their child at home and to be adaptable, flexible and willing to let their child make mistakes.

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 them to recharge.

Edwin Ramirez Montero won the book drawing for Little Rooster's Diamond Button retold by Margaret Read MacDonald and Illustrated by Will Terry.

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



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Game 167 First, Next, Last

Use picture cards and the words first, next, and last to teach your child a simple recipe. Your child's ability to remember the order of events in a process will improve.

Game 194 Rhyming

Recite a series of rhyming words, and ask your child to say Stop! when he hears a word that does not rhyme. Your child will practice focusing on the sounds that occur at the ends of words.

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

Caps For Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKnDDUM2x3M>

Bounce by Doreen Cronin and Scott Menchin
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZUgOhsTzmM>

Where Going on a Lion Hunt by David Axtell
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfpR7S7hC8Q>

The Dot by Pete H. Reynolds
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Clpw7PG7m1Q>

Little Bat by Tania Cox
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOkvKdZIV0>

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr, John Archambault and Lois Ehlert
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VdrTXRD090U>