



MAY

HEAD START NEWS

Holly Hill Head Start & Early 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: Devon Shields

Welcome to Spring!

Have you ever asked yourself, why we do Spring Cleaning? Simply if we look back in time, Spring Cleaning is related to Easter and has a Religious meaning. Spring cleaning also is often related to the Winter climate change and as a transition to Summer weather. Spring cleaning is a practice, most of us do during springtime almost automatically but, have you ever taken full advantage of your Spring Cleaning? What you do with those old and unwanted items, can really do a big difference in your pocket. Spring Cleaning Yard Sale, sounds like a great idea and if you plan strategically prior your event, you can benefit from it completely. Here are some tips for you!

Decide what to sell- Simply include everything that you no longer want or need. Remember to sell items that are still in good to moderate condition. Toss away all those items that very damage and that has no hopes to be fixed by handyperson.

Organize your items- Don't stress about every single item being perfectly organized, instead have fun with the process of planning. Group your items by category and similarity. Price items accordingly and remember to overprice (Just a little bit), so you can negotiate to your desire and planned price of sale.

Advertise- Facebook, Craigslist and even some other social media sites, will help you to promote your Spring-Cleaning Sale. Don't forget your sign, make it bright and easy to read. Place your sign strategically so frequent commuter can see it and stop by your yard sale.

Date of the Sale- Choose any day, but not a Holiday weekend! Choose the day that works best for you and for those giving you a helping hand. During Holiday weekends most people go out of town and spend money in recreation time.

Sell at a Consignment Store- Any item that you don't sale, take it to a consignment store. Most consignment store will buy your gently used items to resale them. Ex. Plato's Closet, Once Upon a Child and Oodles Consignment.

Donate any items that don't sell- Whatever you don't' sale and if the items are still good, please think about those in need and donate them to any charitable cause.

Remember, don't get attached to unevaluable items, sale them, donate and do not bring them home again! Spring Cleaning is a way of restarting your home with a refreshed look for what is ahead during the rest of the year!

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 1

It has truly been an amazing journey to see how our small mustard seeds have blossomed since August. Where does the time go? As we prepare to close this year out it has truly been great getting to know each and every one of you. It has been a year of trial and error with the pandemic of COVID-19. We have endured the many challenges that were placed upon us and we continue to practice social distancing and wearing mask coverings. Even though it was challenging we were able to make things happen for our children and families. We want to thank each and every one of you, because without you we couldn't have met the challenges that were placed upon us. We will finish the year out with our "Getting Ready for Kindergarten" study. We will continue to go over listening rules, fair ways to play and ways to use calm down techniques from our Second Step Lesson. Parents, you can continue to help your child learn more by reading to him/her daily and discussing the characters in the story, and what happened first, second and last in the story. Allow them to share what they like most or least about the story. Make it fun! Always remember you are your child's first teacher. You make the difference in the lives of your children.

Have a safe summer! Good Luck in Kindergarten and for those that are returning we will see you in August. Stay Safe
Mrs. Stephanie/Mrs. Laura

CLASSROOM 5

It is so hard to believe that this will be our last newsletter for the year. Our preschool year is winding down and many of our preschoolers will be off to kindergarten. We would like to thank you all for allowing us to be a part of your child's education. Due to Covid-19 we've had to make some changes, but we pushed through and had an amazing school year. Our last theme for the year will be, "Getting Ready for Kindergarten." Our four focus questions for this theme will be: How is kindergarten like preschool? How is it different? How do we feel about going to kindergarten? How do we make and keep friends in kindergarten? We will also continue to work with our students that are going to kindergarten, to ensure that they are ready for the transition. We will be reviewing our letters, letter sounds, numbers, shapes and colors. We will also be reviewing site words, rhyming words and compound words. Beginning sounds of words and basic addition. We would like to wish Mr. Hector a Happy Birthday!!

EARLY HEAD START CLASSROOM 4

We are so excited that your little ones are learning so much and having a lot of fun while doing so. We have been doing activities related to our "Gardening" theme and the color pink! We would like to wish all the moms a Happy Mother's Day!



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!



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Attendance matters! Parent you can begin signing your children in 7:45am. Please be sure your child arrives by 8:00am- school start time. Also, while signing your children in for school, we are asking families to social distance while waiting in line and encouraging families to wear a facemask for the safety of other families. Thank your cooperation!

Facemask! Facemask is required while dropping off/ picking up your child.

Healthy Kids! Make sure your child immunization, Physical, and Dental record is updated. Your child's health is very important.

Update! Please update any emergency contact, phone numbers, address, and etc.

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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

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