



MAY

HEAD START NEWS

Port Orange Head Start & Early 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

5/31- Memorial Day (No School)



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Yvette Altman



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION HAS NOW BEGUN. PLEASE CALL YOUR HOME SCHOOL TO GET YOUR CHILD ENROLLED. YOU WILL NEED: CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE, TWO FORMS OF ID, AND UPDATED CHILD'S SHOTS AND PHYSICAL. CONFERENCES ARE NOW DUE: PLEASE SIGN UP WITH THE TEACHER FOR AN APPOINTMENT. ***SUMMER VPK WILL BE OFFERED AT HOPE PLACE. MORE INFORMATION TO COME.

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A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 1

Hello families,

It is hard to believe that the school year is almost over; we have grown and learned so much together in Classroom 1. Our recent study of Music Making has highlighted the musical and dancing talent among each of us. Coming soon, we will begin studying water. From splashing in the sink, to filling up and pouring out cups of water, children enjoy exploring water in different ways. We will explore their questions about the different ways people use water, how it can change from one form to another, and how it helps people and the environment. We are excited to engage with you and your child on this important topic.

Sincerely,
Miss Brianna and Mrs. Sue

CLASSROOM 2

Ms. Rivas/ Mrs. Vazquez

Dear Parents:

In May, we will work on activities related to "How do we make and keep friends in kindergarten?" Then, we will start exploring about our last study: "Pets." Using the Second Step curriculum, we will review important skills they can use in Kindergarten. The concepts that we will be working on are: initials, names, counting, quantifying and writing the numbers 1- 30, review of colors, shapes (circle, triangle, square, rectangle, oval, heart, and star, diamond), and letters and their sounds: Tt, Aa, Ff, Ss, Mm, Rr, Ii, Cc, Pp, Bb, Oo, Gg, Hh, Jj, Uu, Ll, Dd, Ww, Ee, Nn, Kk, Qq, Vv, Xx, Yy, Zz. It is important to be at school between 7:45 AM to 8:15 AM, because we start the Morning Meeting at 8:10AM. Please, review learning skills, Teaching Strategies messages and do the home activities each month. Thank you!

CLASSROOM 3

Welcome to May!

At the beginning of this month, we will learn different ways to dress for the spring/summer. As the children transition from diapers to the potty they'll learn how to pull down and pull up their bottoms. Dressing and Toileting is our focus for this month.

Ms. Kasane and Mrs. April

CLASSROOM 4

In the month of May, we will be reviewing everything we have covered so far from the start of this school year. We will discuss transportation! The children will enhance this theme, with play and discussion of the cars, trucks, bikes, planes, boats as well as other ways to transport.



CLASSROOM 5

In classroom 5 with Ms. Juanita and Ms. Nancy during the month of May, we will be learning more about flowers and gardens. We will plant flower seeds and watch the flowers grow. We will create flowers with tissue paper, paint and other media. We plan to read books about flowers and gardens and count the flowers we see in our surroundings. We also plan to learn some nursery rhymes and do some interactive hands-on activities related to the rhymes. Those activities will carry over from the classroom to the playground. We will continue to work on our social emotional skills, such as controlling our impulses and considering how others feel.

HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Squirt some shaving cream on a table or counter top, you can also add food coloring if you like. Let the child have fun playing in the shaving cream. Little cars can be added to enhance this activity. You may want to put them in an old shirt and maybe put a towel down, too. It does get messy!!



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

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Parent Meeting on April 29th at 1:00 PM. We had three parents in attendance. Items talked about are that we are in the process of doing or Roll- Over Packets for children who are returning to Head Start. Early Head Start Roll-Overs will start in the Middle of June. For those of us who are going onto Kindergarten, please register your child at their home school for Kindergarten. You will need Updated shots and Physicals, and Birth Certificate which have been provided to you. You will need your ID and two forms of Address.

Read Policy Council Report:

What You Do Matters Training Week 3: Now Hear This

Areas of Child Development: Language, cognitive, social emotional, motor

Language Development!

Expressive Language: Spoken words, sentences, and sounds spoken by the child. This is what the child is saying to us on their own

Receptive Language: The ability to understand what tones, words, language, voice inflections, and sounds mean. This is what the child hears and understands from other people

Reading with your child is so important! They learn a lot from us reading with them. Read their favorite book over and over, let them grab the book, let them talk in the middle of the story, and let them tell their own version of the story if they try to. This encourages their learning and gives them a good relationship with books

PEER Reading Technique:

-P for Prompt: Ask them questions about the book

-E for Evaluate: Think about what your child said and how you can add new words

-E for Expand: Rephrase what your child said and see how you can add new information

-R for Repeat: Ask your child to say new words again

CROWD Reading Technique for kids 4 and older:

-C for Completion: Ask your child to fill in a word for a story they know

-R for Recall: Ask your child what happened in the story

-O for Open-Ended: Use open-ended questions to get your child to think about what happened in the story

-W for "Wh" prompts: Use who, what, when, where, why, and how questions to get your child thinking about the story

-D for Distancing: Get your child to find a way to compare the story to their own life

Kids learn through hands on experiences, repetition, relationships, and their environments

Activity: Read a book with the parents using the CROWD or PEER technique

Virtual Transition Meeting:

Those who are going onto Kindergarten, please join us.

We will be having a guest speaker from a Kindergarten teacher who will be presenting information about Kindergarten:

As the Year comes to an end, we would like to thank you for your continued participation within our Head Start Program during such challenging times.

Please continue to work on getting updated Dental and lead Screenings.

We are currently accepting applications for the upcoming '21-'22 school year.

We Don't Eat Our Classmates By: Ryan T. Higgins
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qwd4BpVeAVA>

The Three Billy Goats Gruff
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3QzT1sq6kCY>