



JUNE

HEAD START NEWS

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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: **Melissa Davila**

Childhood in the Garden: A Place to Encounter Natural and Social Diversity

Teachers and parents may use gardening as a way to bring young children into meaningful contact with the diversity of nature and society. Explore the important role of the garden as a place for play, inquiry, and building relationships.

Environmentalists talk about the natural world and dream of spaces that belong to nature and should be entered, like hiking in the woods, on nature's terms. Another natural space, the garden, is a familiar place tamed by humans to serve social purposes such as growing food. But it has the potential to bring young children into meaningful contact with the diversity of nature and society.

In this article we explore the important role of the garden in children's learning. Childhood in the Garden: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/childhood-garden.pdf>

INFORMACIÓN DE SU CDS

La Infancia en el Jardín: Un Lugar para Encontrar la Diversidad Natural y Social

Los maestros y los padres pueden utilizar la jardinería como una forma de llevar a los niños pequeños a un contacto significativo con la diversidad de la naturaleza y la sociedad. Explore el importante papel del jardín como un lugar para el juego, la investigación y la construcción de relaciones.

Los ambientalistas hablan sobre el mundo natural y sueñan con espacios que pertenecen a la naturaleza y que deben ser ingresados, como caminar por el bosque, en términos de la naturaleza. Otro espacio natural, el jardín, es un lugar familiar domesticado por humanos para servir a fines sociales como el cultivo de alimentos. Pero tiene el potencial de llevar a los niños pequeños a un contacto significativo con la diversidad de la naturaleza y la sociedad.

En este artículo exploramos el importante papel del jardín en el aprendizaje de los niños. Infancia en el jardín: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/childhood-garden.pdf>



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 4, 2021- Last day for students/ 1:00PM

Dismissal / No extended day.



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Jolyette Santiago

Can you believe that the school year 2020-2021 is over? You truly have contributed a lot with your child's education and our school! Thank you very much for trusting our program to teach your child.

Please spread the word that we are taking applications for next school year 2021-2022. To apply we need the following documents:

1. Picture Id of Parent or guardian
2. W2-2020 or Taxes 2020, paid stuff
3. Proof of residency (water or power bill)
4. Birth Certificate
5. Any child evaluation (IEP, IFSP)
6. Custody paperwork (if applicable)

Please contact the Family advocate for more information

Please remember Early Head Start will continue to be open until July 30 from 8:00 am – 4: 00 pm (EXTENDED DAY will be provided)

Head Start students school ends on June 4 at 1:00 pm. (No extended day)

I hope you and family stay safe and healthy. Enjoy your Summer!

MENSAJE DE SU REPRESENTANTE DE FAMILIA

¿Puedes creer que el año escolar 2020-2021 ha terminado? ¡Realmente ha contribuido mucho con la educación de su hijo y nuestra escuela! Muchas gracias por confiar en su hijo con nuestro programa.

Corra la voz de que estamos recibiendo solicitudes para el próximo año escolar 2020-2021. Para aplicar necesitamos los siguientes documentos:

1. Identificación con foto del padre o tutor
 2. W2-2020, Impuestos 2020 or Talonarios de cheque
 3. Prueba de residencia (factura de agua o electricidad)
 4. Certificado de nacimiento
 5. Cualquier evaluación infantil (IEP, IFSP)
 6. Papeleo de custodia (si aplica)
- Comuníquese con el defensor de la familia para más información

Recuerde que Early Head Start continuara abierto hasta Julio 30 de 8:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. (Se ofrecera servicio de horario extendido)

Head Start terminara sus clases en Junio 4 hasta las 1:00 pm. (No horario extendido)

Espero que usted y su familia se mantengan seguros y saludables. Que pasen un lindo Verano.

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 1

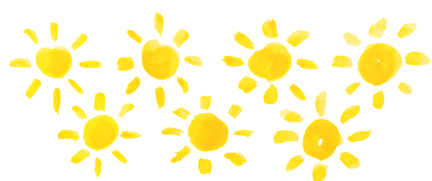
Magali Vallejo & Anabel Trujillo

Hello parents,

Summer is here. We want to remind you to dress your child according to the weather and to please bring extra clothes for your child. For this month we will continue learning about balls. This has help children to develop their language skills by describing the balls' color, texture, and size.

Hola padres

El verano está aquí. Queremos recordarle que vista a su hijo de acuerdo con el clima y que traiga ropa extra para su hijo. Para este mes seguiremos aprendiendo sobre balones. Esto ha ayudado a los niños a desarrollar sus habilidades lingüísticas al describir el color, la textura y el tamaño de las bolas.



CLASSROOM 2

Maribel Mancilla & Ma Del Arco

Dear Parents,

We want to thank you for helping everyone stay safe and healthy. It is important for us that everyone follows the rules, to stay healthy and safe. The month of June we will be talking and learning about the weather, the different types of clothing for each type of weather, clothes for our body and hats on our head. We will teach, encourage and assist our older kids to dress by themselves. We also want to remind parents to bring extra clothes if needed for their children please.

Thank You,

Maribel Mancilla & Ma Del Socorro Arcos

Estimados padres,

Queremos agradecerle por ayudar a todos a mantenerse seguros y saludables. Es importante para nosotros que todos sigan las reglas, para mantenerse saludables y seguros. El mes de junio estaremos hablando y aprendiendo sobre el clima, los diferentes tipos de ropa para cada tipo de clima, ropa para nuestro cuerpo y gorros en la cabeza. Enseñaremos, alentaremos y ayudaremos a nuestros hijos mayores a vestirse solos. También queremos recordarles a los padres que traigan ropa extra si es necesario para sus hijos, por favor.

Gracias

Maribel Mancilla y Ma Del Socorro Arcos

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 3

Mrs. Marline & Mrs. Aracely

Dear parents,
It's been a privilege to teach your child this year. But now the end is near. Although it's sad to say goodbye, your child is ready to spread their wings and fly. We have watched them work hard, learned, and grow. We will remember the time that we spend together and will keep you all in our hearts forever. Enjoy your summer break!
Thank you,
Mrs. Marline and Mrs. Aracely



Estimados padres,

Ha sido un privilegio enseñarle a su hijo este año. Pero ahora el final está cerca. Aunque es triste decir adiós, su hijo está listo para desplegar sus alas y volar. Los hemos visto trabajar duro, aprender y crecer. Recordaremos el tiempo que pasamos juntos y los mantendremos a todos en nuestro corazón para siempre. ¡Disfrute de sus vacaciones de verano!

Gracias,
Sra. Marline y Sra. Aracely

CLASSROOM 4

Mrs. Daniella & Mrs. Gloria

Classroom 4 Mrs. Daniella & Mrs. Gloria

This year has went by too fast, the last few weeks of school has arrived. The closing of one door and the opening of another. I want to thank each child for all the warmth, the memories and the learning that we have shared this school year. Every child has learned through the growth and development by engaging and exploring the studies of Balls, Clothing, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, and Buildings in relations to the world around them. We encourage you to continue to work with your child's mathematical, phonological awareness and print knowledge skills during the summer break. To my students, we say THANK-YOU! For when we teach, we also learn. This past year we have grown together. A little bit of each of you will always be with us. Always strive to be the BEST that you can be! To the parents, I say THANK-YOU for allowing us to be your child teacher's. It has been a wonderful and rewarding year for us. Have a safe and fun Summer Break!

Este año ha pasado demasiado rápido, han llegado las últimas semanas de clases. El cierre de una puerta y la apertura de otra. Quiero agradecer a cada niño por toda la calidez, los recuerdos y el aprendizaje que hemos compartido este año escolar. Cada niño ha aprendido a través del crecimiento y desarrollo al participar y explorar los estudios de Balones, Ropa, Reducir, Reutilizar y Reciclar y Edificios en las relaciones con el mundo que los rodea. Lo alentamos a que continúe trabajando con la conciencia matemática, fonológica y el conocimiento de la letra impresa de su hijo durante las vacaciones de verano. A mis alumnos, les decimos GRACIAS! Porque cuando enseñamos, también aprendemos. Este último año hemos crecido juntos. Un poco de cada uno de ustedes siempre estará con nosotros. ¡Siempre esfuércese por ser lo MEJOR que pueda ser! A los padres, les digo GRACIAS por permitirnos ser maestros de sus hijos. Ha sido un año maravilloso y gratificante para nosotros. ¡Que tengan unas vacaciones de verano seguras y divertidas!



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

- Policy Council Report
- Transition to Kindergarten
- Important Dates:

May 19 – Early Release

June 4 – Last Day for Head Start Children

POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

The May Policy Council met virtually via Zoom on May 27, 2021. April Minutes were approved. Eight prospective employees were approved to proceed through the hiring process. Enrollment, attendance, and snack reports were processed and approved by the Policy Council. Various program policies were presented and approved by the Policy Council. Service area and Center Reports were also reviewed and approved by the Policy Council.



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HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Packing My Own Picnic

Why this is important:

Your child probably likes to complete tasks on his own. In this activity he can work independently and his mistakes will have minimal consequences. An important thing for him to learn about independence is that sometimes things do not go as planned. This activity is a gentle introduction to the risks of problems with later responsibilities, such as getting school supplies together in a backpack.

What you do:

- Invite your child to join you on a picnic. Suggest that he first pack a lunch to take with him.
- Go with him to the kitchen and point out available items for packing.
 - Talk about where he will be eating, such as in the backyard or in the family room, and what foods might be convenient to eat there.
 - Lay out the food items as you talk, along with several sandwich bags for him to use. Help him remember where to find his lunchbox or a paper bag.
- Stay in the kitchen while he works, but help only if asked: I'll be here in the kitchen for a few minutes. Let me know if you need some help.
- Remember that this is an exercise in independence but you can encourage healthy eating by limiting his food choices to healthy items only.

CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

When school is out, it's time to celebrate and have some summertime fun! This book is perfect to share with a kindergartner who's looking forward to summer vacation. From catching fireflies to going to the zoo to learning how to swim, there are so many summer activities to look forward to. This bright, engaging adaptation of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" celebrates and rewards a productive school year with all the adventures that the summer months have to offer.

Tish Rabe, a seasoned children's book author of over 160 books, puts a novel spin on a first-day-of classic with *On the First Day of Summer Vacation*.

Kids in classrooms and at home will enjoy following along as they focus on all the fun things to do during summertime!

<https://youtu.be/2vADGQCUNIQ>

