



SEPTEMBER

# HEAD START NEWS

Osteen Head Start Newsletter



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## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Jeamary Garcia

Welcome to another wonderful Preschool year at Head Start!

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. We would like to welcome all of our returning families, with a special greeting to those families who are joining us here at Head Start for the first time. As we begin the new year during the COVID-19 Pandemic, we would like to assure you we will be doing everything recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in order to keep your child and our staff healthy. We know we can count on you to be our partner in this effort. Please watch your child and all others in your household for signs and symptoms of illness. If you detect any, please keep your child home. Take your child's temperature often, assure lots of handwashing and practice wearing masks if tolerated. These will be things we will be doing when they join us this year therefore, practicing at home will help them get adjusted to these new routines.

Together we'll provide a positive and nurturing environment where your children can learn and grow as they explore and discover the world around them. We are partners together in creating a stimulating curriculum that encourages your children to learn and develop at their own pace. I trust we can work together as a team in providing the best learning experience possible for your children and us!

My name is Jeamary Garcia and I am the CDS (Child Development Specialist) for your child's center, please feel free to contact me at any time. I look forward to greeting each of you at the center at arrival/dismissal times. It is great seeing your child's smiling face every day at school, remember that attendance is very important and we are glad to have your child at school every day. I am looking forward to this school year and am very excited for what it has to bring.



## CONTACT US!

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Early release: Wednesdays

September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 @ 1:00pm

School Closed: September 6 Labor Day &

September 20th Teacher Work Day



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Early Head Start

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Connected!



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***By: Annette Gregory***

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year! It is great to have you and your family as part of our Osteen Head Start family. I just want to mention a couple things you may not know. Please call every time your child is absent and state why he/she is absent. This is VERY important. I will also be contacting every family to discuss goals. I go over goals with each family on a quarterly basis. I will be contacting you soon so be thinking about those goals that you have for yourself or your family!

Again, we are happy to have you here!

## CLASSROOM 2

During the month of September, Osteen Classroom 2 will continue to work on establishing classroom rules and routines and talk about school and introduce the children to pedestrian safety. For 2nd step we will be talking about listening as we go over our listening rules and practice using our self- talk to follow directions. We've enjoyed getting to know all of our families during our home visits and look forward to working with you this school year!



## PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Next Parent Meeting on August 31



## HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

You can work with your child on math by helping him/her match things around the house such as socks, leaves, toys, and towels. Just have fun with it! Also, for our home learning activity we will be working on language and encouraging the children to talk about their day, so make sure to take time to have those daily talks with your little one.

## POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

August Policy Council met via Zoom on August 26, 2021. The June meeting minutes were approved. The Budget and Credit Card statements were approved. The Enrollment, Attendance and Snack reports were approved. Heidi Rand reviewed the Program Instructions/Information Memorandums: ACF-IM-HS-21-03 and ACF-IM-HS-21-04, no approvals were needed for these items. All Service Area and Center Reports were approved.



## CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

[The Lost Egg" by Judie McEwen & Dick Rink](https://www.kidsworldfun.com/ebook-the-lost-egg.php)  
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