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HEAD START NEWS

EVEC Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Donna Kargel

Welcome Back and Happy New Year. We hope you had a wonderful and restful break and are ready to begin the year with a BANG! Parents we have a Center Aid position open at our center. No High School Diploma or GED required. Company Car provided! Please check out our website and apply if interested. Go to www.MFCS.us.com/Careers to apply.



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Extensions

Classroom 4: Ms. Kim and Ms. Mary x104

Classroom 5: Mrs. Gaynell & Ms. Yolanda x105



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 4 (Tuesday) Classes Resume
January 17 (Monday) Martin Luther King Holiday



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Janet Ali

Happy New Year 2022! And welcome back to EVEC Head Start. We hope you had a great holiday. As we enter into a new beginning we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for keeping up with attendance. Please continue to attend parent meetings and be involved in your child's progress. Remember to have your child's dental, shots and physical updated. Let us continue to work together as we move forward in 2022. Thank you again for all that you do, you can make an impact. Any questions or concerns, please call your Family Advocate Janet Ali @ 386-323-7115.

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 4

Ms. Kim & Mrs. Mary

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is ready for the New Year! We are going to finish up our study on Pets and then by the end of the month we will be starting a study on insects. The children are continuing to learn to recognize their names and how to trace them. We are reviewing shapes and colors and working on recognizing numbers. Please continue to talk and read to your child as often as you can! Take Care!



EVEC, class 4 entered into the door competition, we wish them Good Luck!

CLASSROOM 5

Wow! How the year has gone by so fast! Happy New Year! This month we are working on clothes. How clothes are made, different designs, patterns, brand names, sizes and textures. We will continue to build skills in math, language, science and literacy. Please talk to your children about what they are wearing and what kind of clothing to wear for the different types of weather. Please remember to bring a change of clothing appropriate for the weather. Thanks for all you do in helping to make this the best year for our children. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year 1/4/22. Enjoy your Holiday and be Safe!



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Bead Patterns –

1. Create a simple bead pattern to use as an example that you can share with your child.
 2. Show your child the different beads that are available for her to use to make a pattern.
 3. Discuss the features of the different types of beads. (color, shape, size, etc.)
 4. Share your bead pattern with your child and read the pattern together. (I made a pattern that is red, green, red, green.)
 5. Have your child create their own pattern by stringing beads.
 6. Continue making patterns for as long as your child is interested.
- 2.:Matching: Give your child a basket of clothes, socks and have the match or sort them by color and size.



CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

December Parent meeting was December 14, 2021, post newsletter submission. Minutes will be included in next newsletter.

POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

December Policy Council met via Zoom on December 16, 2021. Quorum was established with 13 community reps present. Heidi Rand, requested a change to the agenda to place Denise Mercado, Inclusion Coordinator on the agenda to present a training on Inclusion. Denise explained the process of the Inclusion Team reviewing every screening conducted on children and then reviewed with families and referred when needed. The inclusion team educates parents on the entire referral process to empower them to advocate for their child. If a child is under 3 they are referred to our partner Early Steps. If the child is over 3 they are referred to our partner Fiddlers on the Hernando County side and Child Time in Volusia. These partners come directly onsite and work with the teachers and child in the Head Start classroom. The Inclusion team also goes directly into the classrooms to observe students and work with teachers to assist with strategies and material usage through modeling. Denise mentioned that a higher number of children on the autism spectrum are being seen and due to this the inclusion team is being proactive and going through an autism spectrum navigator training through UCF to provide the highest quality support. The November meeting minutes were approved. Amy Thomas, Deputy Director of Children's Services, introduced Michelle Hann the new Education Manager for Hernando/Sumter County. The Budget and Credit Card statements were approved. The Enrollment, Attendance and Snack reports were approved. Tanya Hall, Deputy Director of Program Services, presented the Recruitment Action Plan and was passed. Heidi Rand presented and discussed the Temporary COVID-19 Vaccination, Testing, and Face Covering Policy. She stressed that this is a temporary plan and subject to change and be put on hold based on any changes from the Office of Head Start. Following an open discussion the vote was 8 yes and 6 no. The majority passed the temporary policy. Seth Williams, Health Manager, stressed that all of our regular health prevention strategies and our procedures with students currently in place would not change if the temporary COVID-19 policy is to be implemented or put on hold. Heidi Rand presented the Criteria for Selection of Children for 2022-2023 program year and was passed. Staffing Reports were presented for information purposes.

All Service Area and Center Reports were presented and approved. Next Policy Council meeting is Thursday, January 27, 2022.

The Angry Little Dinosaur by Jade Maitre - <https://www.storyberries.com/bedtime-stories-very-angry-little-dinosaur-by-jade-maitre-short-stories-for-kids/>

The Girl Who Wore Too Much by Margaret Read McDonald - kids books read aloud - Bing video