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HEAD START NEWS

Fairview Early 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! We are still looking for a permanent match for our classroom at Fairview to join Ms. Laura and Ms. Brooke. We appreciate Ms. Mya's willingness to try out the position and wish her well in her search. Ms. Nancy will be returning for now to help support the team. We welcome her back with open arms.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 4 (Tuesday) Classes Resume

January 17 (Monday) Martin Luther King Holiday

HAPPY
NEW YEAR



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Robyn Walker

Welcome families to a new and exciting year. We are looking forward to working with you to complete a successful School Year. Dental care is very important for our children's health. We encourage you to stay up to date with your child's dental appointments and follow-ups. If you have not already done so please turn in the verification of dental exam.

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 115

With the winter break, December went by so fast! We are looking forward to the new year! What is your New Year's resolution? In here, we will be hoping to be potty training/trained! Let's start this year off with lots of learning and smiles!

See you in class,

Ms. Brooke and Mrs. Laura



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Sticky Spider Web

Tape up the doorway and throw some newspapers (or cotton balls!) at it to see if you can stick them. A great indoor activity for gross motor practice!



CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

December Parent meeting was December 16, 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.

My Special Blanket <https://www.storyberries.com/bedtime-story-my-special-blankie-short-stories-for-kids/>