



HEAD START NEWS

EVEC Newsletter



Special thanks to Rose Marie Brian Children Center and Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals for the wonderful baskets and smiles.



FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Donna Kargel

Did you know that May is National Mother Goose Day? It is the perfect month to celebrate and show appreciation for our wonderful authors of children's books.

Did you know if you have not yet tried one of our book suggestions, please take the time this month to do so. The website is <https://www.storyberries.com/category/age-0-3-bedtime-stories/>. You can also just type in Story Berries. It is a wonderful place with books that can be read or listed to. Stories are organized by age as well as by theme. They even have wonderful wordless stories that you and your child can explore the imagination.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday Early Release
Dismissal at 1:00pm
May 30, Memorial Day
School Closed



Head Start
Mid Florida Community Services
Early Head Start

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Connected!



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The school year is quickly coming to an end. Can you believe summer is almost here? For some of you this will be a new beginning as your child transitions to kindergarten. Please remember to register at your child's zoned school. Always ask questions when you have concerns. To help relieve anxiety A Guide for Parents about Kindergarten Student Expectations is available with lots of helpful information. Applications are being taken at this time for the new school year. To the families who are returning contact your Family Advocate @ 386-323-7114 or 386-323-7115 to have an appointment scheduled for enrollment. Thank you for your participation and helping to make an impact this year. Be safe and enjoy your summer!

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

HEAD START

Hello from classroom 3!

Mrs. Gaynell & Ms. Yolanda

Wow! We're nearing the end of the school year! Where did the time go? This month we are working on Gardening. The children have been picking flowers and investigating things in the garden. We will study how to care for a garden, how things grow and how a garden helps the environment. We will be starting our own garden and learning about some of the different foods we get from the garden. We will begin our transition in getting our children ready for kindergarten. We will be using trays for our meals and have the children walk through the line like they would do in Kindergarten. Thanks for entrusting us with your children, we wish you all the best as you move on to kindergarten.

Greetings from Classroom 1!

Ms. Kim & Mrs. Mary

We making it! We're fast approaching the end of the school year. We are so proud of each and every child in the classroom and how far they have come since we started in August. We will be conducting our study on Balls to conclude our Teaching Strategies Curriculum for the year. We are also continuing to learn the letters in our names and to write our names as well as learning to count to 20 without missing a number and recognize numbers 1-10. We appreciate all of you! Hey Parents! Tag, you're it!



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

EVEC HEAD START
PARENT MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY APRIL 19TH, 2022

Welcome - All

Meeting call to Order -

Old Business - Minutes Read from last meeting

Policy Council-

New Business -

· No School Monday 4/25/22 In Service Day

· Kindergarten Transition Meeting @ Fairview 4/27/22

· Rollover enrollment is being done at this time.

· Applications for new school year is in progress see FA

· Kindergarten registration will begin soon check your zoned schools

· Also try to update all personal info such as Phone numbers, new address and pick up list.

· Parent Activity Sand Art DTBA

FA: Ms. Janet Ali

· Please be reminded that regular attendance is very important to our program.

· Pick up time is @ 2:00 pm.

Next Parent Meeting: May 17th 2022

Adjournment



CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

Teddy Bear Pirate and Captain Kid's Treasure by Polly Humphrey - <https://www.storyberries.com/bedtime-stories-teddy-bear-pirate-short-stories-for-kids/>
Octopus in a Bottle by Andrea Kaczmarek - <https://www.storyberries.com/bedtime-stories-octopus-in-a-bottle-free-books-and-short-stories-for-kids/>

HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

1. What's the Surprise? Play a guessing game with your child that challenges them to use thinking skills and learn to obtain information by asking questions.

2. Neighborhood Walk: Take a walk around the neighborhood with your child to look at gardens. Talk about what kind of plants you see. Take some pictures to share with the class.

POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

Annette Becklan, Head Start Mental Health Consultant, presented and trained the members with a thorough presentation on Social and Emotional Mental Health.

The March meeting minutes were approved. The Budget and Credit Card statements were approved. The Enrollment, Attendance and Snack reports were approved.

Jennifer Fowler presented request for Parent Activity Funds that were approved.

Heidi Rand presented on ACF-PI-HS-22-02 on Head Start Funding Increase. This was presented for information purposes only and voting not required. Heidi stated that the focus for the pay increase will go the Teachers and Teacher Assistants. Management is working on the budget to eliminate center positions to help divide the funds.

Staffing Reports were presented for information purposes. All Service Area and Center Reports were presented and approved.

Seth Williams shared the update on writing the No Kids Hungry Grant. He shared that the grant was submitted before April 15th and waiting to hear if the program receives the funding. Until funding is received we do not at this time have funds to provide backpack meals at this time. If approved the program will run for 25 weeks. Seth explained that the Sunshine Health grant was not approved.

Next Policy Council meeting is Thursday, May 26, 2022.