# HEAD START NEWS

Fairview Early Head Start Newsletter



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### 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. I hope you give it a try.



## **CONTACT US!**

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 11,2022 Early Release Day-1PM Dismissal May 30, 2022 Memorial Day, School Closed







#### Hello Parents and Guardians.

Can you believe that the school year is almost over? I hope that every one of you has a great and safe summer. Many churches and Volusia County has a Free Summer Meals Program and there are many places near us that will offer it. The program will serve children 18 yrs. and under.

I will be in my office all Summer serving you and other families as well. Please contact me for support. I can be reached at 386-956-3883. If your child is returning next school year, we need to meet to complete a rollover application. If your child is turning three make sure you have filled out a Head Start Application. It's a different program and the child doesn't automatically go from Early Head Start to Head Start.

#### A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

#### **EARLY HEAD START**

MAY I have your brief attention? We are working on patterns as well as different mediums of art this month! We will be painting with water, paint and some water color paint. We are going to demonstrate how we can use colors to create fun patterns. Parents, I have noticed that some students need clothes in their cubbies. I also want to remind everyone that sandals are not allowed in the classroom, we highly encourage sneakers to be worn for the safety of your child. Thank you!





## PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Fairview Early Head Start Parent Meeting Minutes Thursday April 28, 2022 @ 2:30 PM

Three parents were present at the meeting and one staff member.

Ice Breaker

Family Advocate reminded parents to do their rollovers or HS Start applications if they haven't already

Family Advocate discussed what was going on in the classrooms.

Family Advocate discussed being on time for pick up and Attendance and shoe policy

Family Advocate also discussed the "What You Do Matters Curriculum" Cognitive Development

Important Dates

May 11, 2022 (Wednesday) Early Release
Day/1:00 pm Dismissal

May 24, 2022 (Tuesday) Next Parent
Meeting

May 30, 2022 (Monday) Memorial Day
Holiday



#### CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

The Caterpillar Who Loved Shoes! https://www.storyberries.com/bedtime-stories-the-caterpillar-who-loved-shoes-short-stories-for-kids/

# HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Make rainbows -

rainbow cheerios toddler activity:
Have your child sort cereal by color to create rainbow art.
Finish it off with a cloud made from crumpled paper or cotton balls.

## 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.