



HEAD START NEWS

Indian River Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Jeamary Garcia

It is hard to believe that this is our last newsletter. Our preschool year is winding down and many of our preschoolers will be off to kindergarten in the fall. Remember, going to school is a natural progression for children and most will be very ready to go. To help your child look forward to a new school, be sure to talk positively about attending kindergarten. Talk often about making new friends, learning new things, growing up, and becoming a "big boy or girl." Plan to attend your school's orientation with your child, visit your public library and read, read, read to your child over the summer months. Head Start "transition bags" contain some terrific ideas for learning new things and having big fun.

We thank you for entrusting your child to us this year. We have enjoyed working with all of the children in our care and have seen growth, development and skill acquisition in all of the boys and girls. We have also witnessed how the children have grown in the way they deal with frustration and the care and concern they express for one another.

Thank you for being your child's first and most important teacher and working with us on behalf of your child. We thank you for your support throughout the year. We feel a close partnership with our parents and send you our best wishes.

Hoorah for preschoolers!!! We appreciate your support. Have a wonderful and safe summer!



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Early Release days: (Wednesday) -
May, 11, 18, 25
May 30- No school Memorial Day



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Connected!



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"Hello Families,

The end of the 2021-2022 school year is quickly coming to an end. If you have not completed your 2022-2023 application, please call me so we can set up an appointment to do so. If you know anyone who is looking for childcare please let them know we are also accepting new applications.

Wednesday May 18, 2022 from 10:30- 12:00, will be our 2021-2022 Spring Fling. We will need Volunteers!!!! Please try to attend our upcoming May 4th @ 12:30 parent meeting for more details. This will also be the last chance to get your name in for the bike raffle, the bike will be raffled at the end of that meeting.

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

HEAD START

Classroom #210 Mrs. Cascino

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In the month of May we will begin discussing transitioning to kindergarten. We will finish the alphabet letters and begin review of all 26 letters and numbers up to 10. Daily we will be working on continuing to write our names and letters. We will also have a special Olympics parent engagement day in or class for the students. We will have an end of the year celebration and water day for the students.



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Indian River
Parent meeting
April 4, 2022



CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

Kindergarten here I come
KINDERGARTEN HERE I COME! Read
Aloud ~ Story Time ~ Bedtime Story Read
Along Books - Bing video

My New teacher and me
My New Teacher & Me - First Day of
School Read Aloud - Bing video

POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

April Policy Council met via Zoom on April 28, 2022. Quorum was established with 13 present.

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

HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Home Learning Activity: Counting Higher: 182 Cut new lines

Draw several types of lines on paper for your child to cut. His hand and finger skills will increase as he practices using scissors, and your child will feel good about his growing abilities.

Why is this important:

Your child can improve his scissor skills in a safe and acceptable way. An available supply of attractive practice sheets can help keep him motivated and working to control his cutting. Careful and precise use of the muscles in his hands will be required in many school, work, and life activities.

What you do:

- Prepare a series of sheets of paper with lines that help him develop direction in his cutting.
 - Make thick lines on thick paper such as construction paper or cut up grocery bags.
 - Start with thick, straight lines on the paper. Eventually, make thin straight lines, and then try wavy lines.
- Demonstrate for your child how to cut along the thick, straight line.
- Invite him to practice cutting on whichever lines he feels most comfortable.
- Talk about the shapes he creates and use words such as straight, curve, and corner.
- Show him how the cut pieces can fit together again: it fits back together. You made a puzzle!
- Offer lots of encouragement as he practices.