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also feel free to reach out to us

should you have concerns about

your child(ren)'s program.

## Upcoming DATES

- Teacher/Student Holiday:  
November 8
- Veteran's Day:  
November 11
- Thanksgiving Break:  
November 21-25
- Classes Resume:  
November 28
- Early Release Days:  
November 30th @ 1pm

## Parent Meeting Minutes

There was no meeting held last month.

### Phone Numbers

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Extension-103

### Quote Corner

There is no better feeling in  
the world than holding your  
precious child.



### Message from your Family Advocate

#### 7 tips to make cooking with children easier for everyone:

1. **Keep it simple.** There will be a time for making mousse and soufflé, but it is not now. Cutting up a banana or ripe fig can be just as satisfying as preparing multistep desserts that require for precision.
2. **Let your child lead.** Does your child love fruit? Let them select the ingredients for fruit salad. Children are more likely to try things when they have control.
3. **Start with basics.** Think about the skills your child already has (can he/she cut playdough?) and needs (can he pour water into his cup?). Choose recipes that match their skill level. Make pretzels. Make popsicles.
4. **Build up.** Once they can cut fruit and pour liquid, you can combine those two skills into making smoothies.
5. **Introduce literacy!** Read books such as Stone Soup and then make soup. Write out the recipe with pictographs and your child can follow along, "reading" the recipe with you.
6. **Invite your child to help clean up.** Your child can "wash" plastic dishes in a bin of soapy water, sweep, and sponge up spills.
7. **Eat your results and enjoy.** Model healthy eating habits and your child may try them, too.

## Message from your Child Development Specialist

Language and literacy begins in infancy as babies are programmed from birth to communicate. While the development of language is instinctive, it does require attention, repetition and approval from loved ones to flourish.

We surround the children in our classrooms with books, words, music, and the opportunity to hear people engage in conversation. The children are invited to think out loud during large and small group times, and of course, talk to other children and adults throughout the day. Learning to use and love the power of words at this age is the key to reading later in school, so we immerse our children in a language and print-rich environment to help them get started.

What can parents do? Read to your child at home, sing, chant, listen to music, play word games! Describe what you are doing in detail using rich descriptive vocabulary to expose you children to a varied of words, such as, "I am folding the blue cotton shirt for your sister. It is soft and feels smooth." Delight in what your child has to say! For more ideas, talk to your child's teacher.

## Classroom News

During the month of November, we will be talking to the children about Clothes. This has been part of your child's daily routine since they were infants. We will dress them with soft and cozy clothes. When your child grows older if you have noticed they are developing their own preferences for the clothes they want to wear. As we study clothes, children will develop fine-motor skills as they open buttons, zippers and snaps. These skills will allow your children to dress themselves. They will also develop social skills as they explore clothes along other children.

## E-Book Suggestion

Button, Button, Who's Got The Button  
by: Trish Holland

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\(teachingstrategies.com\)](http://nav.planning.digital.content.library|common.header.title(teachingstrategies.com))

## Home learning/ Family Engagement

- 1.Repeat me- Home activity
- 2.Book of Families

Home learning- Draw your child's attention to their clothes and invite them to help you choose what they want to wear.

# Policy Council Notes

**Meeting Date October 27th, 2022**

September Policy Council met via Zoom on October 27, 2022. Quorum was established with (14) policy council reps present.

Voting in new Policy Council members along with the Policy Council Chair. Krystal was nominated as chair, and it was seconded. Krystle accepted it, and it was passed.

Nominations for Vice Chair were made, Brenda was nominated and seconded. Brenda didn't accept the nomination. Another nomination was made, Jose was nominated and seconded, Jose accepted and was selected at the Vice Chair to Policy Council. Secretary nomination was up next, Monique was nominated and it was seconded, passed and she was elected secretary. Last seat is the treasurers, Suzanne was then nominated and it was seconded and passed. Suzanne is the reassures for this Policy Council executive team for this program year.

Chair – Krystal

Vice Chair - Jose

Secretary- Monique

Treasurer – Suzanne

September minutes were approved. We then spoke about the August Budgets and Credit Card statements. Early Head Start & Head Start grants reviewed and talked through. All in target with the Head Start Budget and Grant. All approved.

Review enrollment and attendance report with Jennifer Fowler. All approved.

Review Meal & Snack reports for August 2022. All approved.

EHS 3 Grant, reviewed and new roles introduced explained to the Policy Council team. EHS 3 Grant was voted on and approved.

Program instruction information memorandums. Tanya Hall began to speak about Child Incident reporting Health and Safety from the Office of Head Start. Updated Policies and Procedures, and spoke about training that took place. Along with new monitoring projects. No votes needed at this time, information purposes only.

Staffing reports, center reports information purposes only, no need to be voted on at this time.

Service area reports, all approved.