



FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By Melissa Dávila Colón

Language and literacy begin in infancy as babies are prepared 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. 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 your children to a variety 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.

El lenguaje y la alfabetización comienzan en la infancia cuando los bebés están preparados desde el nacimiento para comunicarse. Si bien el desarrollo del lenguaje es instintivo, requiere atención, repetición y aprobación de los seres queridos para prosperar. Rodeamos a los niños en nuestras aulas con libros, palabras, música y la oportunidad de escuchar a las personas entablar una conversación. ¿Qué pueden hacer los padres? ¡Lea con su hijo en casa, cante, escuche música, juegue juegos de palabras! Describa lo que está haciendo en detalle usando un vocabulario descriptivo rico para exponer a sus hijos a una variedad de palabras, como, “Estoy doblando la camisa de algodón azul para su hermana. Es suave y se siente terso”. ¡Deléitese con lo que su hijo tiene que decir! Para obtener más ideas, converse con la maestra de su hijo.

Want to praise your child’s teacher?

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Interim Director of Early Learning Services, Tanya Hall (THall@MFCS.US.com) the Deputy Director of Children’s Services, Glynne Pascal (GPascal@MFCS.US.com) Please also feel free to reach out to us should you have concerns about your child(ren)’s program.

Upcoming Dates

No School:

8th, 11th

Thanksgiving Week:

21st–25th

Family Engagement Activities:
10th, 18th



Classroom News

Classroom 1: This month we are learning about the characteristics of the trees in our community and who lives in trees? We are learning our shapes and colors while we continue to count the trees items that the children brought from their homes. We are also sharing all the people we are thankful for. Happy Thanksgiving!!
Aula 1: Este mes estamos aprendiendo sobre las características de los árboles en nuestra comunidad y ¿quién vive en los árboles? Estamos aprendiendo nuestras formas y colores mientras seguimos contando los árboles que los niños trajeron de sus casas. También estamos compartiendo a todas las personas por las que estamos agradecidos. ¡Feliz día de acción de gracias!!

Mrs. Marilyn and Mrs. Maria.

Message from your Family Advocate

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our families! We would like to invite you to keep participating at the school's events. It is very important to support our school community and activities. Parent meetings are a good way to stay in touch with your child's school. In the event you have the chance to have an active participation in the decision making that is pertinent to Head Start and to our schools upcoming events. You'll also have the opportunity to get to learn. Many events will come up in the community, as well as there are different community services that are available that the speakers at our meetings inform us of. Parent Meetings take place only once a month and is also the perfect time to get to know your child's teachers, other parents, and the Family Advocate. Please mark your calendars every month to attend, we are counting on you. Please remember to wrap up your child in warm clothes during cold weather. As always we wish you peace, love and joy this holiday season and be safe!!

Rosario Sanchez

Classroom News

Classroom 2: During the month of November we continue with our Tree Study the children have had great feed back about this study, Due to Hurricane Ian the children have had a lot of input about trees and how the storm destroyed a lot of them. We are glad we are reopened due to the storm. Also this month we will be learning about the pilgrim and Indians and how thanksgiving started and why we still this day celebrate thanksgiving.

Lizzette & Lorena

Classroom News

Classroom 4: In this month of November we will be learning and exploring the topic of paper, with plenty of activities to learn and talk about. Parents, as the weather gets colder, please remember that your child is dressed accordingly, with a spare change of clothes. If any question feel free to ask.

En este mes de noviembre estaremos aprendiendo y explorando el tema del papel, con un montón de actividades para aprender y hablar. Padres, a medida que el clima se vuelve más frío, recuerden que su hijo está vestido en consecuencia, con una muda de ropa de repuesto. Si tiene alguna pregunta, no dude en preguntar.

Rubiela & Dulce

Classroom News

Classroom 5: We will continue our subject of bags which the children have enjoyed and played joyfully. We have observed that children enjoy putting the bags in their arm and act like they are going shopping and feel independent. Ms. Raiza, Ms. Petra

Al observar que los niños disfrutaban y juegan con los bolsos, continuaremos en el mes de Noviembre con este tema. Juguemos a poner las carteras en sus brazos y fingir ir de compras, lo cual los hace sentir independientes.

Ms. Raiza, Ms. Petra

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Parent Meeting Minutes

Parent meeting started at 2:00pm

Parent were greeted by Rosario Sanchez

Parents were notified:

The importance of attendance.

Volunteers

Dress children for upcoming weather

Turkey Run

Family engagement activity



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.

Other business and announcements discussed, simply for informational purposes.

Policy Council Member preferences discussed.

Next Policy Council meeting is Thursday, November 17, 2022.