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(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.

Important Dates:

March 6th— No School

March 10th— No School

March 13th— March 17th— No School— Spring Break

March 18th— Baby shower

March 29th— Early Release 1pm

Kindergarten Transition meeting coming soon.

Contact us

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To call into your child's classroom please dial the center number and the extension is your child's classroom or you can be asked to be transferred to your child's classroom.

Message from your Site Supervisor

Did you know that March 2, was read across America Day and Dr. Seuss' birthday! The National Education Association (NEA) began Read Across American in 1997 to bring initiative on reading. According to NEA children who are read to frequently are more likely to count to 20 or higher, write their own names and read or pretend to read the children who are not. When we return from Spring break, our VPK classroom will start to transition away from naps as well as starting to have a food lunch line. This is to help them get prepared for Kindergarten. Please keep an eye out for our Kindergarten transition meeting. This is where you will get to speak to a kindergarten teacher and learn about the process of transitioning to kindergarten. We will also be working on getting our garden ready. Keep an eye out on your child's classroom as they will be doing activities to help support it.

We loved all the boxed derby cars that you created with your child and hoped that you enjoyed our parade. Please keep an eye out for further events as we will be planning more:)

Want to volunteer in your child's classroom? Come speak to your family advocate or myself and we will get you set up:)

We hope you all enjoy your Spring Break with your families. If you have any questions, concerns or just want to stop by my office to say hi, please do :)

A message for your Family Advocates

Hopefully everyone has a great and a safe plan for Spring Break! We had our second Parent Activity “Derby Car Parade” on Friday February 17th. It was breath-taking! We had our Parent Connection Meeting on Wednesday February 22nd. Our next activities for you parents are as follow: “Family Fun Day” is on April 12th at Anderson Snow Park in Spring Hill and “Sip & Paint, Painting with a Twist” is on April 18th at our Brooksville Campus. Our last Parent Connection meeting will be on April 18th and during this meeting Dina Martinez will be talking about child seat safety and also informing parents if they need car seats where they are available. The Early Learning Coalition (ELC) has started accepting Voluntary Pre-applications VPK for the next school year 2023-2024. These applications need to be completed online on their website. <https://familyservices.floridaeearlylearning.com/>

Classroom 806

March is here and that means that spring is coming. Our children have grown so fast and learned so much that it's amazing to see the wonderful changes in them! We couldn't be more proud! Last month was a breeze and our children had a blast playing with different kinds of brushes, bags and lights. We were also very thankful to our children's families who came and participated our family engagement activities. The presents they gave to each of the children as well as the teachers for Valentine's day, were greatly appreciated! Our class target moving forward is for the children to advance their literacy and mathematical skills. And for these reasons, we will be talking, singing, playing sounds and word games, reading and drawing with the children to set them up to a good literacy foundation. It's never too early to teach our kids basic counting by using simple words, pictures, symbols and objects as tools for them to be able to learn to measure, problem-solve, know about spatial relationship and patterns. Celebrate March with us and let's all have fun! Thank you, Ms. Rose & Ms. Norma



Classroom 809

Wow I can't believe it's March already. Last month our classroom discovered some exciting things. We investigated with brushes. We used them to paint some water colors. They look like a water fall due to the up and down strokes. We also participated in a box car derby parade. We had so much fun showing off our talents to our family. This month we will be investigating the study of rocks. We can't wait to see all the stuff we will learn! Thank you, Ms. Jacina & Ms. Audrey



Classroom 811

It's time to March! Last month we learned all about clothes. The children practiced buttons, snaps and zippers as well as putting on and taking off clothes. They learned about textures and patterns as well as comparing sizes. This month we're marching on to shoes. We will learn about the different types of shoes. Who wears shoes and when. They will also get to opportunity to take off and put on different kinds of shoes. Thank you, Ms. Sue & Miss Suzi



Classroom 812

Hello Families! This year has been an eventful year so far, Ms. Kaylee and I really want to say thank you to all of you that showed up to the Derby car parade and the parent engagement, we appreciate you coming out and supporting our events. Last month we learned about containers and did so many fun activities with it. This month we are learning about bags and all the different ways we can use them. Thank you for all your support, Ms. Trixie & Ms. Kaylee



Classroom 902

We are in our third week of our clothing study. We have turned our dramatic play area into “The Head Start Clothing Store”. We have now hung some clothes on hangers for the kids to learn how to take clothes on and off of hangers. We have discussed different types of fabrics. We have explored clothing for different seasons of the year. We did some mitten art. We have cut up fabric and did a fabric collage. We have learned about the various sizes of clothes. If you have anything you care to donate to our study, just let Ms. Liz or Ms. Bridget know. Thank you to the families for coming to the Hearts and Crafts family engagement. Thank you for all you do to support your children and our classroom, Ms. Liz and Ms. Bridget



Classroom 903

Hello Families!! We have had a busy month from our Love Bug Parent Involvement to our Box Car Derby! We'd like to thank all the families who participated in these events! This month we started our new study All About Boxes! We have been using our imagination to use boxes in various ways in our classroom! So far, we have learned different uses and characteristics of boxes. Next, we will learn jobs that involve boxes and how they are made. As we continue the study, feel free to bring in your recycled boxes to class. As always, we are here for the family as a whole, reach out to use with any questions, comment or concerns you may have! Thank you, Ms. Brittney & Ms. Stefanie



Classroom 904

First, we want to thank you for taking out your time to share with us and your child on the activity of decorating the valentine's cookies. We had a great time and the children enjoyed it a lot. Also, we appreciate your interest in participating on our home visits. Knowing your children's strengths, helps us get better success in them. For the next month we will be working on the study of garden. We will be exploring the topic, changing our environment into a garden with lots of different kind of flowers. We will learn how to plant and how to take care of our garden. We will be learning what tools we need to plant and what a plant needs to grow. More later, we will be communicating about an activity we will be working with you and with the children related to gardening. Please remember a blanket for your child and a extra clothes. Have a nice and blessed day. Thank you, Ms. Virginia, Ms. Jackie



Parent Meeting Minutes

Minutes from 2/22/23 Parent Connection

Meeting was started at 1:05 to give some parents a bit more time to get here. Parents were made aware of upcoming dates: no school, Spring Break, Early Release days, Family T-ball event and the Parent Activity is Sip and Paint on April 18th. This should be a fun evening.

From the Parent Curriculum: Topic 1 Your Brain and it's amazing Potential was touched upon by Gigi stating that repetition is key. Children at a young age learn this way.

Jennifer Hanner spoke about upcoming Kindergarten registration and that parents will be notified when this is taking place.

Rosa was introduced as the new FA. Next Parent Connection meeting will be April 18th and during this meeting Dina Martinez will be talking about child seat safety and also informing parents if they need car seats where they are available.

Quote Corner:

"You'll miss the best things if
you keep your eyes shut"

~Dr. Seuss

Policy Council Notes

Meeting Date February 23rd, 2023

February Policy Council met via Zoom on February 23, 2023. Quorum was established with (10) policy council representatives present.

January 2023 Policy Council minutes were approved.

Budget and Credit Card reports reviewed by Tanya Hall. All approved.

Enrollment and attendance report reviewed by Jennifer Fowler. All approved.

Meal & Snack reports for December 2022 reviewed by Seth Williams. All approved.

New Policy and Procedures reviewed by Seth Williams. All Approved.

Program Instructions and Information Memorandum from the Office of Head Start. Informational purposes only.

Staffing Reports & service area reports. Information purposes only.

Parent Activity Funds Requested for Spring Hill, approved.

Leadership team highlights reviewed.

Other business and announcements discussed, simply for informational purposes.

Next Policy Council meeting is Thursday, March 23, 2022.