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also feel free to reach out to us should you have concerns about your child(ren)'s program.

Important Dates

3/6 & 3/10 Teacher Duty Day/Student Holiday

3/13-3/19 Spring Break

3/20 Classes Resume

Early Release Days: HEAD START- Every Wednesday; 3/1, 3/8, 3/22 & 3/29

EARLY HEAD START 3/29/23

FAMILY FUN DAY! 3/29/23 FROM 2PM-3PM at

River Walk Park

3459 S Ridgewood Ave.

Port Orange, FL 32129

Quote Corner:

"Logic will get you from A to Z:

IMAGINATION

Will get you everywhere"

-Albert Einstein



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Message from your Site Supervisor

Dear Parents,

Welcome to March and it's coming in like a lion! According to the old saying, March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. In many parts of the country, the month of March brings changeable weather. This is a great time to enjoy Science and other weather-related activities. Children are so great at slowing down and noticing things. Here are some amazing weather activities for you and your child to explore: Enjoy the wind and open air by flying a kite, Lie on a blanket outside and look up at the clouds to see what shapes you can see; a dog, elephant, etc. Seasons of sensory bottles filled with cotton balls and blue glitter for clouds and rain.

With our ever-changing weather daily bouncing between warm and cold, please keep in mind appropriate clothing for your child when bringing them into the center. Here's a reminder that Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday March 12, 2023. On Saturday evening, our clocks need to "spring forward" one hour. And speaking of spring, Spring Break begins March 13-17, 2023, please enjoy your family.

Arnessia King

Classroom 10-6 New:

During the month of March, we will discuss and experiment with shoes. The different types, sizes and colors. We will also experiment with weather in jars. We will demonstrate how rain falls from the sky, tornado in a jar and imitation snow. We will also experiment with salt, painting it, gluing it and tasting.

Ms. Juanita & Mrs. JoJo

Classroom 11-4 New:

The "Cocomelons"

We are Marching in to March!

We are excited to be exploring a new study "Bags". we will be discussing the different kinds of bags and what they look like. We will be celebrating Dr Seuss's Birthday and exploring some of his legacy of books. We will be introducing the first letter of each child's name. The "Cocomelons" are using photo cards and pictures to help build their early language skills. We also are working on the numbers 1-5. We would to invite families to explore with us thru out the day.

Thank you,

Ms. Monica and Mrs. Norma.

Classroom 11-6 New:

HELLO SPRING!

As you can tell, the weather is constantly changing so please be sure to dress the children accordingly. In this month we are learning about seats. Where do we sit, the different types of seats, traveling in seats and more? During this time, be sure to talk to your children about the car seats they travel in and the seat they sit at home. Please enforce rules of the different seats as well. Friendly reminder there is spring break March 13th-17th! Please enjoy and come back ready for more learning.

Ms. Kasane and Ms. Wendy

Phone Numbers

Site Supervisor Name: Arnessia King

Telephone Number: 386-507-1761

Family Advocate Name:

Telephone Number: 386-281-3315

Bernadette Flake Ext.110

Jaime Iraci Ext.111

Classroom Extensions:

Room 10-2: Mary & Gaynell Ext. 102

Room 10-6: Juanita & Jessica Ext. 106

Room 11-1: Ashley & Briget Ext. 201

Room 11-4: Monica & Norma Ext. 204

Room 11-6: Wendy & Kasane Ext. 206

Room 11-10: Ashley & Briget Ext. 210

Message from your Family Advocate

Hello Hope Place Family!



As we approach the spring, we are busy doing outreach to our currently enrolled families who will be returning next year as a rollover or as a 3rd year return. This will require our parents to schedule time to meet with us to complete the necessary paperwork. Teachers can assist by helping to remind our parents to communicate with the FA office.

A safety announcement was sent to the parents of all enrolled children to be mindful of safe travel requirements, not driving while impaired, and reporting any incidents to staff – all parents were reminded that staff are mandated reporters.

If there are any topics that teachers would like to include in the next parent meeting, all suggestions are welcome.

We are marching into Spring Break on Monday March 13th to Friday March 17th. Classes resume on Monday March 20, 2023. Have fun together and take advantage of the opportunity to read to you children. Visit the library with your child there are lots of Resources and books relating to the seasons. It is an ideal time to discuss the changes in the seasons. Update your child's health records and dental appointments. Applications for the new school year will begin soon. Please help us recruit tell your friends and family about our Program.

Classroom 10-2 New

Happy Spring! As a reminder, we're still in the "Music Making" mode. We're learning about the sound of music, new instruments never heard of, music in different countries and what we can do with music. We even have a loud speaker that produces bass and tremble. Remember, music is an important part of a child's life! We're getting the hang of alphabets and their sounds. Did you know that alphabets and numbers play an important part in music? So, as you're riding along with your child to school, play some music and sing along with them!

Mrs. Gaynell & Mrs. Mary

Classroom 11-1 New

For the month of March, we are finishing up the study of signs and moving into the study of wheels after Spring Break. What types of wheels are there? How do they move? What can we use to make them? How do they help us? This every day tool is often overlooked and the science behind them is what we are going to explore!

What you need: Deep dish pan, Paper, 1-2 Marbles, 2-4 Paint colors. Place the paper inside the pan and invite your child to make new art without having to use a paint brush. Have your child pour one of the colors onto the paper and have them use both hands to slowly roll the marble around inside the pan. As your child begins to notice the effects, have them explore further by adding additional colors and marbles to the tray. Talk with your child about the art they are creating. Say: *I see how the paint is being swirled around by the marbles. Which direction are you going to roll the marble to?*

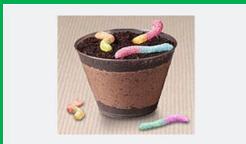
Encourage them to share their experience with other to explain how the process works.

Mrs. Ashley & Mrs. Briget

Classroom 11-10 News

In the month of March, we will be talking about insects. Where do insects live? How do they live? What insects are in our community? I also encourage parents to go outdoors and allow the children to tell you what insects they may find outside. Invite children to look closely at the plants, especially in the insect garden, for evidence of insects in your community, e.g., chewed leaves, anthills, wasp nests. When we come back from spring break we will be practicing asking questions who, what, when, where and why questions. We will continue to build on background language and vocabulary through the reading of our many stories from our insect study. We would like to encourage our families to please read to your child daily and discuss what is being read and allow them to turn the pages and read the book back to you. If you need books please feel free to let Ms. Kathi or Ms. Danna know and we will provide you with some reading materials for your child. You can also make a dirt cup using a cup of crushed Oreos, instant chocolate pudding, and gummy worms.

Kathi & Danna



E-BOOKS

E-Books: <https://youtu.be/-XXqVpltmBg> by Tim Gunn

www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fJnkjvWnm0 Manners Time

[Storytime with Ms. Rebecca: What Do Wheels Do All Day? - YouTube](#)

Parent Meeting Minutes



Parent Meeting - Hope Place Bldg. 11 - 1/30/23

Classroom Updates - CDS and Teaching Staff

- All children need a change of clothes, and warm clothes just in case of weather changes
- Make sure children are in tennis shoes, dressing accordingly for the weather because we still go outside unless it is very cold or raining
- Please take home blankets home and wash them weekly
- Update contact information if phone number or address changes – add extra people prior to them coming to pick up your child
- Keep children home if they are displaying symptoms of fever, coughing, runny nose that is persistent, or need medication before coming to school for these symptoms
- Arrival is 8am (unless your child is enrolled in extended day) and no later than 8:30am – this is good practice for kindergarten and ensures that your child does not miss out on the educational activities that take place during the morning hours
- Attendance is being monitored and parents will receive notification if the attendance falls below 75% - attendance should be at 90% or better

Policy Council Updates – none provided

Parent Curriculum – Language Development

Important Dates

- Monday February 20 – Presidents Day
- Friday March 10 – Teacher In-Service
- March 13-17 – Spring Break

Parent Survey – QR code below



Questions/Answers – None

Attendees:

Staff: Wendy Rasberry, Kasane Gavin, Bernadette Flake, Jamie Iraci

Parents: Yolanda Lanbaren, Ivelise Gonzalez-Hernandez, Tamara Thomas, Sabrina Stowell, Myia Hayward, Amari Rucker, Losh'she'andra Giddens, Jessica Jerald, April Butler

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.