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(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:

March 6th— No School

March 10th— No School

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

March 29th— Early Release 1pm



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Classroom extensions is your child's classroom number.

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Message from your Family Advocate

We had our parent connect meeting this month and we thank those parents who attended and got involved in their child's school. We thank those who attended the Derby Car show for Early Head Start. We enjoyed seeing the little ones with their projects! Thank you for your support! The next activity we have is our Parent/ Male Engagement Activity on April 12th. This will take place at Snow Anderson Park from 2:00-3:00 PM. Also, on April 21st we having our Parent Activity at Strike City from 11:00-1:00 PM Please get involved!

Classroom 301 News

Hello family and friends from 301

Can't believe February is gone; we had lots of fun learning and growing. Can't believe 2023 is on its way; what a fantastic month together learning about bags and all we can do with them. 2023 is here and on its way; time flies when you are busy learning and having fun. This month we will be working on the study of clothes. Learning everything about clothes. Let's have fun and learn together with our children. Don't hesitate to contact us if you need anything; we are always here to help. Have a great month. Don't forget we will be on Spring Break from 3/10 to 3/17 enjoy your time with your family be safe, see you all back 3/20. Please let us know if there is anything we can help you with.

Classroom 302 News

Hello Parents

Class 302 is very excited to start the month of March which is considered one best season in Florida for its comfortable weather. The Topic that we will touch this month be "Paper." The children will be learning about: "What different kinds of paper are there" "What we can do with Paper" and "How we can change Paper". Children will also have the opportunity to take natura walk to enjoy the weather and watch the birds in the trees around our playground.

Friendly Reminder: Spring Break will be
March 13-17

Have a Great Spring Break.

Ms. Maria & Ms. Laurel

Classroom 401 News

Hello everyone!!!

Hi from Room 401! We are doing a wonderful job in practicing self-care skills of dressing/undressing and toileting. We are also learning about light. There are assorted flashlights and shiny things in our room to explore light with. We are practicing our shapes and sharing. We have new toys in the room to practice fine motor skills with as well. Thank you for learning with us! Ms. Alma and Ms. Olivia

Message from your Supervisor

Read Across America Day is March 2nd, also known as Dr Seuss Day, is a yearly observance in the USA inaugurated by the NEA (National Education Association). Theodor Seuss Geisel was an American artist, book publisher, animator, poet, a political cartoonist as well as an author. He is best known for authoring over 60 children's books. 10 Benefits of Reading:

1. Children who read often and widely get better at it. After all, practice makes perfect in almost everything humans do, and reading is no different.
2. Reading exercises our brain. Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain rather than watching TV, for example. Reading strengthens brains connections and builds NEW connections.
3. Reading improves concentration. Children have to sit still and quietly so that they can focus on the story when they are reading. If they read often, they will develop the skill to do this for longer.
4. Reading teaches children about the world around them. Through reading a variety of books, children learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience.
5. Reading improves vocabulary and language skills. Children learn new words as they read. Subconsciously, they absorb information on how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features effectively in their writing and speaking.
6. Reading develops a child's imagination. As we read, our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things into pictures. While we are engaged in a story, we are also imagining how a character is feeling. Young children then bring this knowledge into their everyday play.
7. Reading helps children to develop empathy. As children develop, they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation.
8. Reading is a fun. A book or an e-reader does not take up much space and is light to carry, so you take it anywhere so you can never be bored if you have a book in your bag.
9. Reading is a great way to spend time together. Reading together on the sofa, bedtime's stories and visiting the library are just some ways of spending time together.
10. Children who read achieve better in school. Reading promotes achievement in all subjects, not just English. Children who are good

Classroom 402 News

Hi, lovely friends in 402!

Woo-hoo! March is here and spring is almost in the air! This month we'll be working on our seats study! We'll be talking about where we can find different kinds of seats and what different seats feel like. Some are small and some are big. Some are soft and some are hard. We'll be reading the Three Little Bears as we discover all sorts of seats. 402 will also be going on a sensory scavenger hunt in the classroom—it'll be so much fun! Our seat study will be interesting to discover together!

Mrs. Jessica and Mrs. Sita

Classroom 501 News

Hello family and friends from 501

Can't believe February is gone; we had lots of fun learning and growing. Time flies when you are busy learning and having fun. This month we will be working on the study of bags. Learning everything about bags. Let's have fun and learn together with our children. Don't hesitate to contact us if you need anything; we are always here to help. Have a great month

Friendly reminder we will be on break from 3/10-3/17, see you back on 3/20 enjoy your time in family.

Ms. Cindy & Ms. Mandy

Parent Meeting Minutes

Parent Connect Minutes 2/15/2023

Staff Attending: Nitza Jerez-Family Advocate, Brianna Yuhasz-Family Advocate, Lynda Kersey-Family Advocate, Ronjaneen Harris-Site Supervisor, Zoribel Nevarez-Site Supervisor, Lindsay Colon-Inclusion Specialist, Sherry-Teacher 701

Welcome-Everyone introduced themselves

Lindsay Colon introduced self to parents, and discussed what an Inclusion Specialist does. Lindsay gave families work card and paperwork with resources

Ms Sherry, teacher 701, discussed "what is going on in the classroom" for Head Start

Discussed Parent/Male Engagement Activity "T-Ball" at Anderson Snow Park. Flyers given for March 30th from 2PM-3PM (new flyer will be provided to update event date change to April 12th) All are welcome!

Discussion in regards to new 2023-2024 school year application. EHS to HS children and 3rd year children applications are being completed. Discussed rollovers and VPK certificates

Parents were informed of days there is no school and early dismissal

Parents informed of Last day of school for HS children

Policy Council Updates

Perfect Attendance Certificates given to families

Families played game and won prizes

Questions and Concerns – None

Quote Corner:

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.

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.