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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:

3/6-3/10– Spring Break

3/16 Parent meeting

3/21– Kindergarten transition meeting



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Message from your Family Advocate

Hi Parents!

I like to let you know that everything is set for our Fun Day at the park, Flyer will be out soon!

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/>

Please let me know if need help!

We are working to build relationship with our families; please stop by the FA office for a volunteer application. Our next Parent Connection Meeting is March 16th, 2023.

We want to remind you to please update your children's physicals and immunizations. If your child is absent or going to be late, please notify your FA or Teaching staff. Any questions or concerns, please contact me at 352-573-7315 or email at rarias@mfcs.us.com

Supervisor News

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 brain 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 readers tend to achieve better across the curriculum.

Classroom News

Dear Families,

During the month of February we have learned about pets and animals. We have learned about wild and domestic animals, Herbivore and Carnivores, bodies of water (ocean, pond, lake, river) and the animals that live in each, animal homes, animals that have jobs, why we need animals (food, companion, perform jobs) and we have even opened a "Vet Clinic" in our classroom.

Children have 'adopted animals' in the classroom and learned what it needs to be cared for.

We have watched videos showing dog competitions, virtual tours through pet stores, animal shelters, and farms. Many of these videos are provided through Kid Vision VPK on youtube.

Here are some fun ways to learn about animals with your child:
When traveling look for animals in pastures, along the road way, etc.

Visit a local farm store and explore

Visit Uncle Donald's Farm in Lady Lake, Fl.

Visit a local animal shelter

Watch the Discovery Channel on tv

Visit local library to read books about animals

Please remember that although pets are FUN they can also be dangerous and children should be closely monitored at all times.

Take pictures and share them with us in the classroom.

Mrs. Tammy and Ms. Heloise

Parent Meeting Minutes

Time the meeting began 1:00pm

FA welcome parents and thanks everyone to being here. Rosa introduced herself and inform the parent her schedule on the center.

Rosa ask the parents what is their best time for the meeting parent all agree for 9:00AM.

Fa inform parent that Family assessments need to be completed. She will be call in parent to do it.

FA give special thanks for the perfect attendance on February.

Parents was inform the Early Learning Coalition (ELC) has started accepting Voluntary Pre-applications VPK for the next school year 2023-2024. If anyone need help to contact Rosa

Rosa remind parents to update children's physicals, immunizations and dental

Rosa inform that Everything is set for our Fun Day at the park, Flyer will be out soon!

Also, our end of the year Parent Activity "(Sip & Paint, Painting with a Twist)" was approved by Policy Council. We are aiming for April 6, 2023 at 11:00 AM.

Parents Curriculum was presented by Sheena she talks about child gross and fine motors skills.

Spring break will be March 6th to 10th classes resume on 3/13/2023

Next Parent Connection Meeting is March 16st, 2023.

Kindergarten Transitioning meeting will be march 21, 2023 at 5:30pm here at the center.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:05pm

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.