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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

Monday 3/6

No school—Teacher In-Service

Friday 3/10

No School—Teacher In-Service

3/13—3/17

No School—Spring Break

Wednesday 3/22

Parent Meeting



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Phone Numbers

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Message from your Family Advocate

Happy March I hope you are as excited as I am about the Spring weather headed our way. The month of March is filled with many important events. We have Spring break approaching soon and we have our Family Fun days. Below you will find the Dates, locations and times of our Family Fun Day! Come to the Family Fun Day of your choice or you can join them all!!!

Attendance/Absences/Tardies

It is important that your child be at school every day on time. When necessary, please notify the office/FA (Family Advocate) by 9:00 a.m. to report a student absent Please call your student in every day that they are absent. If your child is tardy or if you need to pick up your child early, please come into the office to sign him/her in or out. Tomoka's policy is that students will not be called down until you arrive, so they do not miss valuable class time.

****REMEMBER****

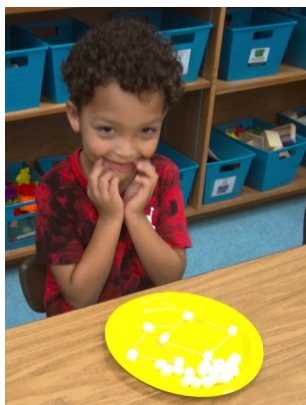
Please keep your child home if they are sick. Students should be fever, vomit and diarrhea free for 24 hours (without medication) before returning to school.

Your Family Advocate, Mrs. B
386-249-4438



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Classroom News



Greetings from Tomoka Elementary!

We will be finishing up our Ball Study before

Spring Break and then we will start on the Insect Study when we come back. We have some fun things planned during the first week of March to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday including rhyming, patterns, and some fun Seuss inspired snacks! Keep working with your child on recognizing letters and numbers, and make sure you spend time and read to your child as often as you can!

The classroom teachers:

Ms. Kim, Ms. Yolanda, Ms. Caitlin and Ms. Melissa

Parent Meeting Minutes

Parent Meeting Minutes: February 22, 2023 2:30pm.

Parents: Shanquese Parker

Teachers: Yolanda Robinson, Kim Fitzpatrick

FA: Bernadette Flake

FA did the welcoming of Parents and Staff.

Icebreaker:

If you could be reincarnated as an animal which would you choose and why?

You're up next for Karaoke what song do you pick?

Policy Council:

January Policy Council met via Zoom on January 26, 2023. Quorum was established with (14) policy council representatives present. December 2022 Policy Council minutes were approved. Senior leadership team introductions. Tanya, Glynne, & Joshua.

Enrollment and attendance report reviewed by Jennifer Fowler. All approved. Meal & Snack reports for November 2022 reviewed by Seth Williams. All approved.

Policy Council Bylaws revised and reviewed by Sheena Winfield McDaniel. All approved. Parent Activity Funds Requested for Westside and Coleman, all approved. Other business and announcements discussed, simply for informational purposes. Next Policy Council meeting is Thursday, February 24, 2023

Parent Curriculum Discussion:

What you do matters! "Social Emotional Development

Staff discussed how important a child's first few years of life are because they are developing social and emotional skills and learning to regulate their emotions. These skills lay the foundation for developing literacy, numeracy and other cognitive abilities that are critical for success in school and life. The discussion also involved expectations and how to cater to children's emotional needs.

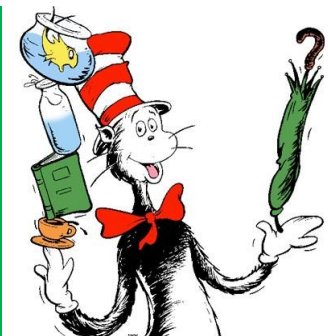
What's going on in the classroom: Teaching Teams in the blended Head Start classroom are Kim Fitzpatrick, Yolanda Robinson Yolanda discussed that the class was working on different kinds of balls, reading and identifying letters, writing their name and advised parents to check their child folders for homework

Upcoming Dates: - February 22 early release 1 PM dismissal, March 6th & 10 in-service, March 13th -17th Spring Break.

Questions, Answers or concerns:—All Staff & Parents open forum for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned with no further questions or concerns. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 22, 2023 at 2:30pm. After Early Release. This meeting will be via zoom.

Quote Corner:



**"You're never
too old, too wacky, too wild,
to pick up a book and
read to a child."**
-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.