

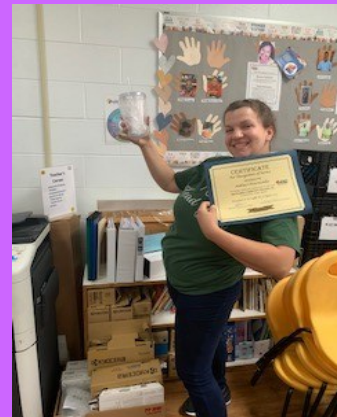


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Director of Early Learning Services,
Tanya Hall (THall@MFCs.US.com)
Please also feel free to reach out to
us should you have concerns about
your child(ren)'s program.

Congratulations to Ashley Chiaravalle on completing her first year with Mid Florida Community Services, Head Start



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Message from Site Supervisor

Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

As we begin the month of May, I am in awe at how quickly the year flew. As it begins to wind down for Head Start, and our teachers plan their final lessons, we take a moment to reflect on the safety of our children. I know all of our families have busy schedules, so a change in daily routines, lack of sleep, stress, fatigue, cell phone use, and simple distractions are some things many people experience and can be contributing factors as to why children have been left unknowingly in vehicles. During the month of April, you received/signed information regarding the potential for distracted adults to fail to drop off a child at a facility/home and instead leave them in the adult's vehicle upon arrival at the adult's destination. I just want to remind you that it only takes a car **10 minutes to heat up to 20 degrees** and become **deadly**. Even with a **window cracked**, the temperature inside a car can **cause heatstroke**. The body temperature of a child increases **3 to 5 times faster** than an adult's body. I want to encourage you to create reminders by putting something in the back seat that you will need at work, school or home such as a briefcase, purse, cell phone or your left shoe. Remember our children are our future.



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Telephone Number:

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Classroom Extensions:

Room 10-2: Mary &
Gaynell Ext. 102

Room 10-6: Juanita &
Jojo 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: Kathryn &
Danna Ext. 210

Message from your Family Advocate



FA Corner MAY 2023

The school year is quickly coming to an end. Can you believe summer is almost here? For some of you this will be a new beginning as your child transitions to kindergarten. Please remember to register at your child's zoned school. Always ask questions when you have concerns. To help relieve anxiety A Guide for Parents about Kindergarten Student Expectations is available with lots of helpful information. Applications are being taken at this time for the new school year. We are also hiring for various positions. To the families who are returning contact your Family Advocates @ 386-281-3315 and 386-956-3587 to have an appointment scheduled for enrollment. Thank you for your participation and helping to make an impact this year. Be safe and enjoy your summer!



Parent Meeting Minutes

The Parent Meeting did not take place as no parents showed up 😞

Handouts will still be provided and the topic of Safe Swimming will be moved to next months agenda

Jamie Iraci, LMSW

Family Advocate

Mid Florida Community Services, Inc

H\$ Classroom 10-2

Hello Everyone! We have begun a new study, *Gardening*. We have set up in our Dramatic Play area a place where the children are planting with seeds and growing things. Please feel free to explore the area and see what your child is learning, hands-on. In addition to our wonderful gardener, Mr. Russ, who comes out and interact with the children with planting in our garden area.

As the end of this school year approaches us, our kindergartners are beaming with excitement about their transition to new schools for the upcoming year! Please take the time to interact with your child with recognizing and writing their names, identifying alphabets, numbers and using attentive listening skills.

We want to thank our parents for allowing us to share an important part in your child's learning & development.

If you have any questions about the progress your child is making. Feel free to request a conference.

Mrs. Gaynell & Mrs. Mary

EH\$ Classroom 10-6

We will exploring different flowers & studying balls. We will be experimenting with different balls and exploring the many uses of balls. We will discuss water safety, as well as, ways to express our emotions. The children will work on small motor skills through the use of play dough and stickers. They will also work on large motor skills through hopping and jumping. They will also take turns watering the class plant. This will help them understand how things grow. This is in conjunction with the garden box where we planted beans a couple of weeks ago. We will also create a card for Mr. Russ to thank him for coming to work with us and introducing us to gardening. We encourage our parents to count as often as possible and to point out the colors that surround our children in their everyday home life and travels throughout the week. As we do the same here in our class.

Ms. Juanita & Mrs. JoJo

H\$ Classroom 11-1

Dear Parent and Guardians,

As the saying goes, "April showers bring May flowers!" For the month of May, we will be focusing on gardening. We will be exploring questions such as what grows from the ground, what is in the garden, how do we care for our plants, and what do plants need to grow. We have noticed that our kids love to get their hands dirty, so we have decided to participate in active gardening!

We are lucky to have an awesome volunteer, Mr. Russ, who has been a fantastic asset to our learning opportunity. He has been teaching the kids how to attend to a garden and has provided many different plants, fruits, and vegetables for the kids to take care of and watch grow.

To encourage gardening at home, we suggest using the following materials to grow a plant: fast growing seeds, soil, plastic cup, water. Choose a sunny window, or go outside to grow your plant. Make a list with your child and family members of what is needed for planting, and together collect those items. Start by filling the cup with soil, next add the seeds and allow your child to help and count as much as possible. Explain to your child that plants need time to grow and discuss what else is needed to thrive: water, sun, and soil. Place a watering schedule next to the window and have your child check off their days to water the plant. Take care of your seedling and watch it grow! Have fun and enjoy the learning experience!

Please feel free to contact us at any time.

Ashley and Briget

EH\$ Classroom 11-4

Greetings from the Cocomelons! As we welcome the month of May, we invite you to take a moment to appreciate the beauty of nature around us. We will be exploring the topic of seeds as our next study, discussing where we sit in school. Additionally, we will be taking walks around the school to observe what is growing, looking for insects, and watching for changes in the weather. We are excited to watch our seeds grow in the garden, thanks to Mr. Russ and Mrs. King! In the classroom, we will also be planting seeds and using various instruments to measure and document their growth.

We will be conducting a fun experiment to investigate which objects sink and float, allowing the children to get their hands wet and explore the phenomena around them. Moreover, we will be reading and retelling stories using props to enhance vocabulary and memory.

Thank you for entrusting your child with us and allowing them to be a part of our learning experience. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Ms. Monica and Ms. Norma

EH\$ Classroom 11-6

GREETINGS TO ALL THE FAMILIES OF CLASSROOM 11-6!

Firstly, we would like to wish all the mothers a wonderful Mother's Day! As we come closer to the end of the school year, we are excited to continue working with you and your child. This month of May, we will be focusing on clothing- the different types that we wear, and how they protect us from different conditions. We will also discuss the weather, what we wear in cold, hot and rainy seasons, as well as things that protect our clothes, such as bibs and aprons.

We encourage you to go over the home activities with your child, as they aligned with our classroom studies. This month, we challenge you to buy a plant or start a mini-garden at home. The children have been enjoying the gardening experience here with Mr. Russ.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

With Love,

Ms. Kasane and Ms. Wendy

H\$ Classroom 11-10

This month, we are focusing on essential skills for your child's development, including writing their first and last name, counting up to 25, identifying shapes and colors and recognizing letters and their sounds. We encourage you to continue practicing these skills at home with your child, as we aim to prepare them for the transition to kindergarten.

Don't forget to register your child for kindergarten and ensure that you read to them daily. It has been a pleasure for Ms. Kathy and Ms. Danna to work with you and your child this year in our classroom. We wish you a safe and happy Summer!

Kathryn & Danna

Hope Place Spot Light



Jamie Iraci is our Hope Place Spot Light for May 2023. Jaime has built trust with the families at Hope Place by being reliable and responsive to their needs. She goes above and beyond the job duties by collaborating with team members to provide the best possible support by working in the classroom as well as extended day to ensure that the classrooms stay open. What an amazing team player!

Important Dates

Early Release Dates:

Head Start:

5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31

Early Head Start

5/31

No School

5/26

Memorial Day Holiday

5/29



Home Learning/Family Engagement

Parents and Guardians

Cleanup Chart

Make a simple chart with pictures that outline jobs around the house.

When your child has completed the task, go back to the chart and ask them to show you which task they completed.



E-Book

E-Books: Where's My Lily Pad? | Funny Kids Stories | Bedtime Stories (storyberries.com)

Plants Can't Sit Still by Rebecca E. Hirsch - YouTube

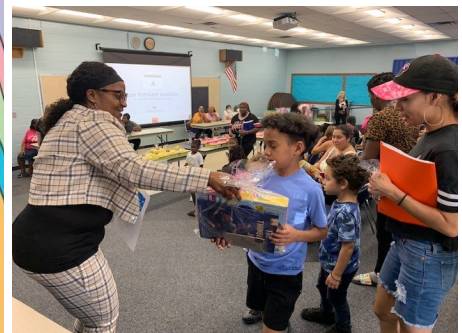
Quote Corner:

“Digging in the dirt and planting seeds, we learn to care for living things and watch them grow with glee”

—Unknown



Transition to Kindergarten Meeting



Policy Council Notes

Meeting Date April 27th, 2023

April Policy Council met via Zoom on April 27, 2023. Quorum was established with (12) policy council representatives present.

March 2023 Policy Council minutes were approved.

Leadership Team Highlights presented by Tanya Hall, Director of Early Learning Programs. Leadership Team highlighted Lee Ann Vega, Education Manager for Volusia County.

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

Enrollment and attendance report reviewed by Jennifer Fowler, ERSEA Manager. All approved.

Meal & Snack reports for February 2023 reviewed by Seth Williams, Health Services Manager. All approved.

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

Staff Reports, Change of Scope and service area updates briefed by Tanya Hall.

Parent Activity Funds Request reviewed by Jennifer Fowler. Spring Hill Center, already voted on. Informational purposes.

Next Policy Council meeting is Thursday, May 25, 2023.