

Coleman Head Start

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CDS Literacy Corner



Welcome Back

From the Desk of: Jennifer Fowler, CDS

It is amazing how quickly the New Year comes and goes. I hope you had a wonderful break! We are already beginning to plan for next year! We are happy to see all your smiling faces back school. We wish you all a Happy 2017 and look forward to all the exciting events to come throughout the school year. As studies show it is important for children to stick to a routine, see the helpful information below.



Toy Safety Shopping Tips:

Buy the right toy for the right age child

Ages 3 through 5

Avoid toys that are constructed with thin, brittle plastic that might easily break into small pieces or leave jagged edges.



Look for household art materials, including crayons and paint sets, marked with the designation "ASTM D-4236." This means the product has been reviewed by a toxicologist and, if necessary, labeled with cautionary information.

Teach older children to keep their toys away from their younger brothers and sisters.



READ THE LABEL....

Shopping for toys during the holidays can be exciting and fun, but it can also be frustrating. There can be thousands of toys to choose from in one store, and it's important to choose the right toy for the right age child. Toys that are meant for older children can be dangerous for younger children.

Last year, an estimated 140,700 children were treated in the U.S. hospital emergency rooms after toy-related incidents and 13 children died.

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Dates to Remember:

- **Tuesday, February 14, 2017: Parent Meeting @2:15pm.**
- **Thursday, February, 23, 2017: Family Engagement @ 10:00**
- **No School: Monday, February 20, 2017, Happy President's Day!**

Classroom 1:

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We would like to thank all of you for bringing your child to school every day as it helps us to provide the very best educational opportunities and support for your child. During the month of February, our learning themes are, "All Shapes and Sizes", "Clothes for my Body", and "Hats on my Head". The children will be learning songs, poems, and reading stories to reinforce each weekly theme. In literacy, we will continue to work on identifying letters and letter sounds. In math, we will continue working on counting objects and identifying numbers, and to strengthen our social emotional skills, we will continue to focus on learning to identify our feelings as we practice using words to manage our feeling appropriately. The children will learn new ways to calm themselves down and take control of their strong feelings. This month we will also have a week that focuses on nutrition where the children will be learning about sweet potatoes. During this week the children will also have the experience of cooking and eating their own sweet potato and oatmeal chocolate chip bars! .

As always, we are so thankful for the opportunity we have to work with you and your child. Thanks for all your support and a big thank you to all of our parents who were present at our January Family Engagement Activity. Our parent and guardian participation was amazing! Lastly, just a friendly reminder that our weather is constantly changing, so please make sure that your child is dressed accordingly. As always, thanks again for playing such a huge role in your child's education and for all the help and support that you give us every day.

Mrs. Diana Diaz/ Mrs. Mary Hailborn

Classroom 2



Hello to all our parents and caregivers,

During January we had great time learning about different types of animals. The children played in the water with their sea animals, built homes for their zoo animals, and worked on their visual discrimination as they did matching animals puzzles. We wrapped up our animal unit by going on a trip to Blue Springs to see the manatees. The children loved it and we were glad to be able to offer them this kind of hands-on experience. Thank you to all the parents who came and enjoyed the day with us. We have also been working on strategies to help us manage waiting. Please continue to practice this important skill with your children at home. Activities such as counting while waiting for dessert to be served, or playing an "I spy games" while standing in line at the grocery store will reinforce what we are learning at school.

During February our theme will be "Construction". We will be looking at different types of construction projects (homes/bridges being constructed), playing with different types of tools, and reading different types of books about the role of the construction worker. We will even watch a fun video about "Bob the Builder". We think the children are going to really enjoy this unit! For our second step curriculum, we will be practicing fair ways to play, learning how to join in on play, and using our words to tell others how we are feeling. We are also going to be talking a lot about friendship by showing others how much we care as we hand out valentine cards to our friends. We hope everyone has a great February!

Ms. Susan & Ms. Maria



Room 3

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We had a great 3 ½ weeks in January where the children started to adapt again to our classroom routine after being off for our winter vacation. The children also smiled “Big” for picture day. We will let you know as soon as their pictures come in. We also had a nice time during our field trip to Blue Springs Park to see the manatees. Our family engagement was at the same time, so a big “Thank You” to all our parents and families who attended this special event. Also, thank you to all the amazing parents who are participating in our ‘Surfing into Kindergarten’ transition meetings. They will be working hard to make this event very special for the children who will be leaving us to go to kindergarten next year.

In February, our children will have the opportunity to interact with nursing students who attend Daytona Community College. These students will be recording our children’s heights and weights and will be talking to our class about poison prevention. We would also like to extend a big “WELCOME” to Mrs. Wilma, a community volunteer, who will be coming in to read with our children every Tuesday. Just a friendly reminder that our school day begins at 8:00 so that we can provide your child with most educational opportunities and support. Always remember, your children are the life of our classroom.

Ms. Olga & Ms. Robin

Room 4



Dear parents:

This month will be filled with lots of opportunities to learn and have fun. We will begin with our nutrition week, trying a sweet potato “treat”. We will learn about sizes, what to wear according to the weather and last we will talk about “hats on our heads”. Every week, we continue talking about Second Step and how to handle our feelings.

On Feb. 14th we will have a valentine exchange. This is completely voluntary. Also on February 21st, we will go on a field trip to Central Florida Zoo in Sanford. Come join us!

Ms. Sandra – Ms. Nicole



Family Advocate

Corner

Dear parent,

THANK
YOU!

for participating at the parents'
meeting!

I try to invite a guest speaker to each parent's meeting that can provide valuable information, resources, and services to you and your family. Therefore, if you know of a community service representative that you would like to invite to a parents meeting, please let me know and I will do so. Guest speakers are people that work for a non-profit organization in the community. I hope these guest speakers are having a positive change in your life and in the lives of your loved ones.

When calling and leaving a message to excuse your child from school, please state the reason why your child is not attending school as we need to document it for our records.

Congratulations

to: Dezeray Thompson winner of the
Hand Care Duo gift set and Ana Soto winner of the Disney Monster, Inc. book.

Your Family Advocate, Migdalia Vega, (386) 774-0423



Emergency Cash Options from Banks

If you find that you must borrow money, beware of alternative financial service providers that may promise quick cash (e.g. payday or car title loans), but come at a steep price and can trap you in debt.

- Many banks offer reasonably priced, small loans that enable you to borrow money and repay the money (plus interest) later.
 - * Talk to financial institutes in your community to see what options they may offer.
 - * One example is a *line of credit*, which you can use to borrow money for a short period of time.
 - * It is best to work with your bank to set up this type of account in advance instead of waiting until you are in a rush for cash.
 - * As with any other line of credit, you will be told the APR (*annual percentage rate*) in advance of signing a formal agreement.
 - * Be cautious of using fee-based overdraft programs to deliberately overdraw your account if you need cash quickly. The costs can quickly add up depending on the number of transactions covered. To learn more, read the interagency brochure, "*Protecting Yourself from Overdraft and Bounced-Check Fees*," available online at: www.federalreserve.gov/pubs/bounce/default.htm.

Ultimately, it is a good idea to build a savings fund to cover unexpected expenses. That way, you can borrow from yourself and avoid paying interest and fees.

Family Advocate Corner

Queridos Padres,



de padres!

por participar en la reunión

Yo trato de conseguir presentadores invitados para cada reunión de padres que nos provean información valiosa, recursos y servicios para usted y su familia. Por lo tanto, si usted conoce de un representante de servicios a la comunidad que quisiera invitar a las reuniones de padres, por favor déjemelo saber y lo hare. Presentadores invitados son aquellas personas que trabajan en la comunidad para organizaciones sin fines de lucro. Espero que estos presentadores invitados tengan un cambio positivo en su vida y en la vida de sus seres queridos.

Cuando llama y deja un mensaje para excusar a su niño (a) de la escuela, por favor acuerde decir la razón porque su hijo (a) no viene, porque nosotros tenemos que documentarlo.



a: Dezeray Thompson por ser la ganadora del regalo de Hand Care Duo y a Ana Soto por ser la ganadora del libro de Disney Monster, Inc. book.

Su Representante de Familias, Migdalia Vega, (386) 774-0423



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Parent Meeting Minutes

01/10/2017 at 2:15pm

1. Parent Committee Vice Chair:

- Ice Breaker Game: Shape game
- Did Pledge of Allegiance: Everyone
- January parent's meeting minutes in February's Parent's Newsletter

2. *New Business*

- (1) Sharon Stafford, Everybody Is Somebody Inc. Visionary/Founder/CEO. Ms. Stafford talked about the Coleman Head Start building (now a historical site) which used to be Rosenwald Colored School back when it was built in 1927. Ms. Coleman worked there until she retired in 1965. At that time, Ms. Coleman salary was \$80.00 a month however, that didn't stopped her from helping out the students with shoes and clothes. Ms. Coleman loved music and she would teach students for free.

3. *Important Dates:*

- No School: Monday 01/16/07 (Martin Luther Jr. holiday). Classes resume Tuesday 01/17/17.
- Picture Day with Shooting Starts, Tuesday 01/24/17 starting at 8:30am. with siblings.
- Family Engagement Activity & Field Trip to Blue Springs Thursday 01/26/17. Bus leaves at 9:30am. Theme: Scavenger Hunt.
- Next Parent Meeting: Tuesday 02/14/17 @ 2:15pm.
- Dedication of National Historical Unveiling Marian L. Coleman Head Start Saturday 02/25/17 @ 11:30am.

4. *Service Area Reports:*

(1) CDS - Jennifer Fowler, Interim CDS talked about Galileo and explained the Transition to Kindergarten Support Group and Picture Day process. Parents welcomed Ms. Jennifer to Coleman.

(2) Teachers: VPK teachers are doing VPK assessments. Teachers continue working on Second Step. This month they are focusing on teaching the children everything about pets, zoo vs. farm animals, etc. Ms. Sandra talked about the upcoming field trip and home visits. Ms. Diana stated that the same curriculum is taught to VPK children as well as non-VPK ones. Teachers concentrate their curriculum on preparing the 4 years old children for Kindergarten.

(3) Family Advocate (Migdalia Vega): Asked parents their feedback re: the guest speakers they would like to be invite to their meetings. Reminder: Please state the reason why your child is not attending school when leaving phone messages. Furthermore, the Money Smart Tips information will be included in the parent newsletter.

(4) Yeymary Gordian, the new Center Aide, asked parents to please call by 8:00am. if they are bringing their child in late so their child can have a warm breakfast instead of cold cereal.

5. *Guest Speakers: Sergeant Clark, Army representative - No Show*

6. *Announcements / Questions / Comments*

7. Migdalia (FA) raffled a Hand Care Duo gift set; winner Dezeray Thompson and a Disney Monster, Inc. book; winner Ana Soto.

- 22 parents attended

- Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.

Policy Council update for January 2016

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