



Pathways Deland Head Start Newsletter

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From the Desk of Jennifer Fowler,

Child Development Specialist

Holidays can be a time when parents decide that doing things with their children will be a priority. Children love doing things with parents.

Try to arrange some individual time with each child if you can, as well as family time. This helps build good relationships and helps your children's self-esteem.

Just one different activity

each day will help keep children interested and looking forward to it.

Remember children do not need to be 'entertained' all the time. Just a change of place or a few suggestions can help them to be very creative on their own.

Sometimes saying "I'm bored" is another way of saying "I want you to play with me", and sometimes the child has not even

started to try to think of what to do by themselves.

Happy Holidays to everyone & enjoy this time with your family!!

Remember to login and check your child's progress in Galileo. If you need the password again, see your child's teacher....

Special events

- * Parent Meeting
12/05/2015 @ 2:30 pm
- * Family Engagement Activities
12/20/2015 @ 10:00 AM
- * Holidays Creations Activity
12/18/2015 @ 9:30 am
- * Winter break
12/21/2015- 12/31/2015
- * Back to School on:
01/04/2016

Policy Council update for November 2016

The November Policy Council meeting was held on Thursday, November 17th at 10:00 am via video conference. Fifteen policy council members were present. A special welcome was extended to a new community policy council member, Carolyn Casler. Ms. Casler is employed by the Early Learning Coalition of Pasco/Hernando counties. The following persons were approved for hire:

Jessyal Acevedo, Teacher's Assistant - Hernando Head Start

Megan Golembieski, Program Substitute -Hernando/Sumter

Counties. **Jeamary Garcia**, Teacher - Horizon Head Start -Volusia

County. **Brittany Jackson**, Extended Day Teacher - EVEC - Volusia

County. **Juliette Santiago**, Family Advocate - Chisholm Head Start -

Volusia County Budget report training was conducted by Kris Bates, Chief Financial Officer of

Mid Florida Community Services, Inc. The following reports were approved: Budget and Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Area and Center. Staff will be asked to decrease the number of pictures included in center reports and increase the size of any pictures that are included in these reports. An Information Memorandum recently issued by the Office of Head Start was reviewed. The memorandum highlighted new requirements in the Head Start Performance Standards. As a result of the memorandum, programs are prohibited from expelling or suspending a child due to the child's behavior.

A presentation on the Galileo curriculum was provided Child Development Specialist, Karen Bourbonnais. The twelve learning domains were reviewed. Additionally, information related to how the Galileo data can be easily accessed by parents and

utilized by teachers and administrators to support the development of children in the program. A series of changes to the Policy Council By laws were reviewed and approved during the meeting. The specific areas affected by these changes included: *Family and Community Partnership Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment & Attendance - ERSEA Health Oral health* The following **announcements** were made: Mid Florida Community Services, Inc. has purchased a new location at 233 Oakridge Street in Holly Hill, Florida. The goal is to open the location at the beginning of the 2017-18 school year. However, if we are awarded the Early Head Start grant, efforts will be made to open the new location in April 2017. A large room at the Hernando Head Start building is currently being renovated to become a Training Room for use by Head Start staff and possibly community partners.



Inside Story Classroom 1

By Ms. Gail and Ms. Diana



WOW December is here! We will be learning about how we communicate with the world! For example: the phone or the computer. Our letters and numbers this month are Jj and Kk; 3 and 4. Our Family engagement day will be on December 20 @ 1:00pm I hope to see all my parent come and enjoy this day! **Please continue to work with your child over the winter break with ALL their letters, numbers, writing their name, and counting to 30!**

Our last day of school is December 20th, I hope you have a wonderful and safe holiday! See you in January!

Inside Story Classroom 2

Ms. Marline and Ms. Gloria



We are welcoming the new month with excitement! Teaching young children about all the different holidays celebrated during the winter months is not only important

for teaching diversity, but to work as a stepping stone into understanding that everyone is unique. Whether a family celebrates

Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Las Posadas or Christmas, this December lesson plan opens the door to our classroom on the special days celebrated around the world. We will be learning about the unique traditions, celebrations, and holidays that occur around the world. We focus on reviewing letter recognition, letter sound, recognizing numbers and beginning sounds of consonants in a word. Through

Second Step we review some skills to increase, our ability to identify own and others feelings, understand the complexity of feelings, takes other's perspectives, and learn ways to respond empathically. As always, we enjoy you volunteering your time. Thank you for your help and cooperation. Happy Holidays, Feliz Navidad Y Prospero Año Nuevo!

Inside Story Classroom 3

By Ms. Keyla & Ms. Kristin



Dear Families,

In the month of December, our class will be learning about how different families and

cultures celebrate the holidays. We will listen to different music selec-

tions, learn new songs, read stories, and make crafts. We will continue to focus on letter and sound identification, counting, number recognition, colors, and shapes. We are excited to continue to learn and grow together as a class, and would like to

thank you for your continuous support.

Warmly,
Mrs. Keyla
Ms. Kristin

Family Advocate News

By. Ms. Ana Renteria

As the holiday season approaches, may your home be filled with lots of love, laughter and blessing for the New Year!



¡Al aproximarse la temporada festiva, decíamos que sus hogares se encuentren llenos de amor, risas y bendiciones para el Nuevo Año!

Ana Renteria
Family Advocate/Representante de Familias