



## **Pathways Deland Head Start Newsletter**

December 2016



#### From the Desk of Jennifer Fowler,

Child Development Specialist

doing things with their looking forward to it. children will be a priority. Remember children do not Children love things with parents.

child if you can, as well as creative on their own. family time. This helps Sometimes saying build good relationships bored" is another way of self-esteem.

Just one different activity the child has not even

Holidays can be a time each day will help keep when parents decide that children interested and

doing need to be 'entertained' all the time. Just a change of Try to arrange some indiplace or a few suggestions vidual time with each can help them to be very

and helps your children's saying "I want you to play with me", and sometimes started to try to think of what to do by themselves.

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

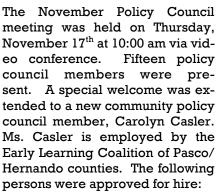
Remember to login and check your child's progress in Galileo. If you need the password again, see your child's teach-

#### **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



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 reguirements 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 Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Las Posadas the new month with or Christmas, this December lesexcitement! Teaching son plan opens the door to our young children about classroom on the special days celall the different holi- ebrated around the world. We will days celebrated dur- be learning about the unique traing the winter months ditions, celebrations, and holidays is not only important that occur around the world. We for teaching diversity, but to work focus on reviewing letter recognias a stepping stone into under- tion, letter sound, recognizing standing that everyone is unique. numbers and beginning sounds of Whether a family celebrates 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, Felis 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** 

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