

Pathways Deland Head Start Newsletter

November



From the Desk of: Pamela Call, CDS

Language and Literacy



Language and literacy begin in infancy as babies are programmed from birth to communicate. While the development of language is instinctive, it does require attention, repetition and approval from loved ones to flourish.

We surround the children in our classrooms with books, words, music, and the opportunity to hear people engage in conversation. The children are invited to think out loud during large and small group times, and of course, talk to other children and adults throughout the day. Learning to use and love the power of words at this age is the key to reading later in school, so we immerse our children in a language and print-rich environment to help them get started.

What can parents do? Read to your child at home, sing, chant, listen to music, play word games! Describe what you are doing in detail using rich descriptive vocabulary to expose your children to a variety of words, such as, "I am folding the blue cotton shirt for your sister. It is soft and feels smooth." Delight in what your child has to say! For more ideas, talk to your child's teacher.



Special Events:

Parent Meeting- November 2nd @ 2:30

Arts on the Grow Artist visit- November 13th

Thanksgiving Holiday (NO SCHOOL) November 22-24

No Early Release: November 1, 8, 15

THERE IS
Always
SOMETHING
TO BE
Thankful
FOR

Perfect Attendance for Oct. 2017:

Pathways Rm. #1:

**Blake Blair
Rayniah Byrd
Alexis Dominguez-Cruz
Axel Dominguez-Cruz
Brizeida Flores
Cali Gaskill
Mia Reyes**

Pathways Rm. #2

**Derek Bell
Yaretzi Ramirez
Jose Rodriguez**

Pathways Rm. #3

**Cheyenne Bright
Yoslin Palacios
Zachary Pittman
Rochelle Romero**



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October 2017 Parent Meeting Key Points/Octubre 2017 Notas Claves de la Junta de Padres

Parent Meeting Date: 10/05/2017

Time: 2:30-3:00 PM

- Parents were welcomed by S. Otero. / **Los padres fueron bienvenidos S. Otero.**
- Parents were notified of coming important dates. / **Los padres fueron notificados de fechas importantes.**
- S. Otero translated meeting in Spanish. / **S. Otero tradujo en español .**
- S. Otero spoke about the Initial Annual Notice and the Expulsion Policy / **S. Otero habló de la Notificación Anual de Privacidad y la Política de Expulsión.**
- Parents choose Spring Festival. / **Padres escogieron el Festival en Primavera**
- FA spoke the parent training, parent choose Health Screening Training / **FA habló del entrenamiento para padres, los padres eligieron un entrenamiento de salud.**
- M. Davis the Parent Activity and the different activities. Parent will look for ideas for the November Parent Meeting. / **M. Davis, habló sobre la Actividad de Padres y las diferentes ideas. Padres presentarán ideas en la Junta de Padres de Noviembre.**
- Parents picked winter for children pictures. / **Padres eligieron invierno para las fotografías de los niños.**
- Classroom 1, 2 and 3 provided updates they are learning about strawberries, 5 senses and family engagement activity. / **Salón 1, 2 y 3 dieron información de lo que están aprendiendo sobre las fresas, los 5 sentidos y la actividad de participación familiar.**
- S. Otero spoke about the different assistance for Christmas and about how thrifty store can help you save and also Food for Florida. / **S. Otero habló sobre las ayudas para Navidad y como las tiendas de artículos de segunda mano pueden ayudar a, ahorrar y Food for Florida.**
- M. Davis spoke about appropriate clothes for kid (winter) / **M. Davis habló sobre vestimenta apropiada para los niños (invierno).**
- Raffle and Meeting Adjourned. / **Sorteo y Cierre de Junta.**

***Copy of the Pathways Deland Head Start Parent Meeting Minutes is available at the office in the Parent Meeting Binder / Copia de las Minutas de la Junta de Padres de Pathways Deland Head Start están disponibles en la oficina dentro de la Carpeta de la Junta de Padres.**

Hello, Pathways Deland Families / Hola, Familias de Pathways Deland:

How exciting to be already in November! I'll be sharing a few tips that can save you money for the upcoming Thanksgiving Family Dinner. We can still have a great dinner, while saving money. Thanksgiving is a celebration to be thankful for what we have and also to share what we have with others. Here are some helpful tips for this upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday:

1. Family/Friends Thanksgiving Potluck-The potluck dinner is a great idea in theory: everybody brings one dish to share, and you end up with a feast. Be specific with your instructions, and make sure they're within your guests' cooking abilities and budgets. Assign a different dish to your guest, so you don't end up with three turkeys !
2. Plan the menu ahead: By planning ahead your menu, at least two weeks before the Thanksgiving Holiday. Remember that many other families are looking for the same ingredients and saving deals for the Thanksgiving Diner. This tip will take me to my next great idea for this season!
3. Request an Attendance Confirmation: Please have your guest confirmation before buying the Thanksgiving Dinner Grocery List. By doing this you will not exceed your budget planning a dinner and probably having plenty of leftover for weeks, after Thanksgiving. It will also save you time in the kitchen!
4. Loyalty/Reward Cards: Get a Loyalty or Reward Card, from your local and favorite grocery store. Use the your awarded points or reward dollars towards lowering the cost of your grocery shopping for Thanksgiving. This can be a year round saving tip!
5. Coupons: Look and clip coupons! You can look for them online, thru coupons phone applications, and at Red Plum Coupon Book, for example. Many grocery stores offer coupons that you can use and mixed beside the manufactures coupons. At your favorite grocery store, visit the customer service counter and ask for the store coupons availability. You can also clip coupons at your favorite grocery store phone application.

Please have in mind that there are plenty of other ways to save on Thanksgiving, not just to plan the dinner but also for the table decoration. At home we have the best helpers with us, our children! Have them collect maple leafs and acorns, and let them add some glitter and set the table, in no time you will be amazed with their creativity.

Don't forget to take advantage of Black Friday and Cyber Monday offers, because you know that right after the Thanksgiving Holiday comes Christmas Season, and we need to save while shopping smart and spending wisely . Review the toys catalog with your children, have a budget and apply for local Christmas Toys Programs. (Visit the Family Advocate Office for more detail information.)

If you have any other ideas and suggestions, please share the at our next Parent Meeting!



Happy Fall!



¡Qué emocionante ya estar en noviembre! Voy a compartir algunos consejos que pueden ahorrarle dinero para la próxima cena familiar de Acción de Gracias. Todavía podemos tener una gran cena, mientras ahorramos dinero. Acción de Gracias es una celebración para estar agradecidos por lo que tenemos y también para compartir lo que tenemos con los demás. Estos son algunos consejos útiles para esta próxima Celebración de Acción de Gracias:

1. Cena Compartida de Acción de gracias con familia /amigos: la cena compartida es una gran idea en teoría: todos traen un plato para compartir y terminan con un banquete. Sea específico con sus instrucciones y asegúrese de que estén dentro de las capacidades y presupuestos de cocina de sus invitados. ¡Asigne un plato diferente a su invitado, para que no termine con tres pavos!
2. Planifique el menú de antemano: planificando con anticipación su menú, al menos dos semanas antes de la Celebración de Acción de Gracias. Recuerde que muchas otras familias están buscando los mismos ingredientes y ofertas de ahorro para la Cena de Acción de Gracias. ¡Este consejo me llevará a la próxima gran idea para esta temporada!
3. Solicite una Confirmación de Asistencia: Por favor solicite confirmación de sus invitados antes de comprar la Lista de comestibles para la Cena de Acción de Gracias. Al hacer esto, no excederá su presupuesto para planear una cena y probablemente terminar con las sobras de la cena durante semanas, después del Día de Acción de Gracias. ¡También le ahorrará tiempo en la cocina!
4. Tarjetas de lealtad: obtenga una tarjeta de lealtad o recompensa de puntos en su supermercado local y favorito. Use los puntos otorgados o los dólares de recompensa para reducir el costo de sus compras para Acción de Gracias. ¡Esto puede ser un consejo para ahorrar todo el año!
5. Cupones: ¡Mire y recorte cupones! Puede buscarlos en línea, a través de aplicaciones de cupones para celulares, y en Red Plum Coupon Book (Libro de Cupones Gratuito), como por ejemplo. Muchos supermercados ofrecen cupones que puedes usar y mezclar junto a los cupones de manufactura. En su tienda de supermercado favorita, visite el mostrador de servicio al cliente y pregunte por la disponibilidad de cupones de la tienda. También puede añadir cupones en su aplicación de supermercado preferida.

Tenga en cuenta que hay muchas otras formas de ahorrar en Acción de Gracias, no solo para planificar la cena, sino también para la decoración de la mesa. ¡En casa tenemos los mejores ayudantes con nosotros, nuestros hijos! Pídeles que recojan hojas secas y bellotas, permítanles agregar un poco de brillo y poner la mesa, en poco tiempo se sorprenderá con su creatividad.

No se olvide de aprovechar las ofertas de Black Friday y Cyber Monday, porque sabe que justo después de la cena llega la temporada de Navidad, para esto necesitamos ahorrar mientras compramos inteligentemente y gastamos sabiamente. Revise el catálogo de juguetes con sus hijos, tenga un presupuesto y solicite en los programas locales de Juguetes de Navidad. (Visite la Oficina la Representante de Familia para obtener más información detallada).

Si tiene alguna otra idea y sugerencia, por favor comparta la en nuestra próxima Junta de Padres!



Feliz Otoño!

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Policy Council update for October 2017

A mandatory **Policy Council training** was held on Thursday, October 26th at 9:30am at Lake Sumter State College in Leesburg. The **October Policy Council meeting** started at noon on this date immediately after the mandatory training. Eighteen 2017-18 policy council members were present. Two of the eighteen members in attendance were alternate policy council members. Voting during this meeting was limited to official policy council representatives and alternates from sites that were not represented at the meeting.

The following reports were *discussed*: Budget, Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Areas and Centers.

Policy Council officers for 2017-18 were elected. The new officers are Chairperson - Jonathan Martinez (*Volusia*); Vice-Chairperson- Sheila Ramos (*Volusia*); Secretary - Pat Nohr (*Volusia*); Policy Council Liaison- Jacob Raby (*Hernando*).

Candidates for the following vacancies have been approved for hire: Early Head Start Teacher at Oak Ridge Site (*Volusia*); Teacher Assistants at Coleman (*Volusia*), Port Orange-2 (*Volusia*), Blue Lake Elementary (*Volusia*); Child Development Specialist (*Hernando*); Education Manager (*Hernando*, *Sumter* and *Volusia* counties).

Heidi Rand, Director of Early Learning Programs, advised the Policy Council of a recent Information Memorandum from the Office of Head Start that provided guidance for opportunities for programs to respond to the needs of recent hurricane victims. She also reminded the Policy Council of the Parent Activity Fund amount of \$5 per child and discussed the details of the permitted use of the funds.

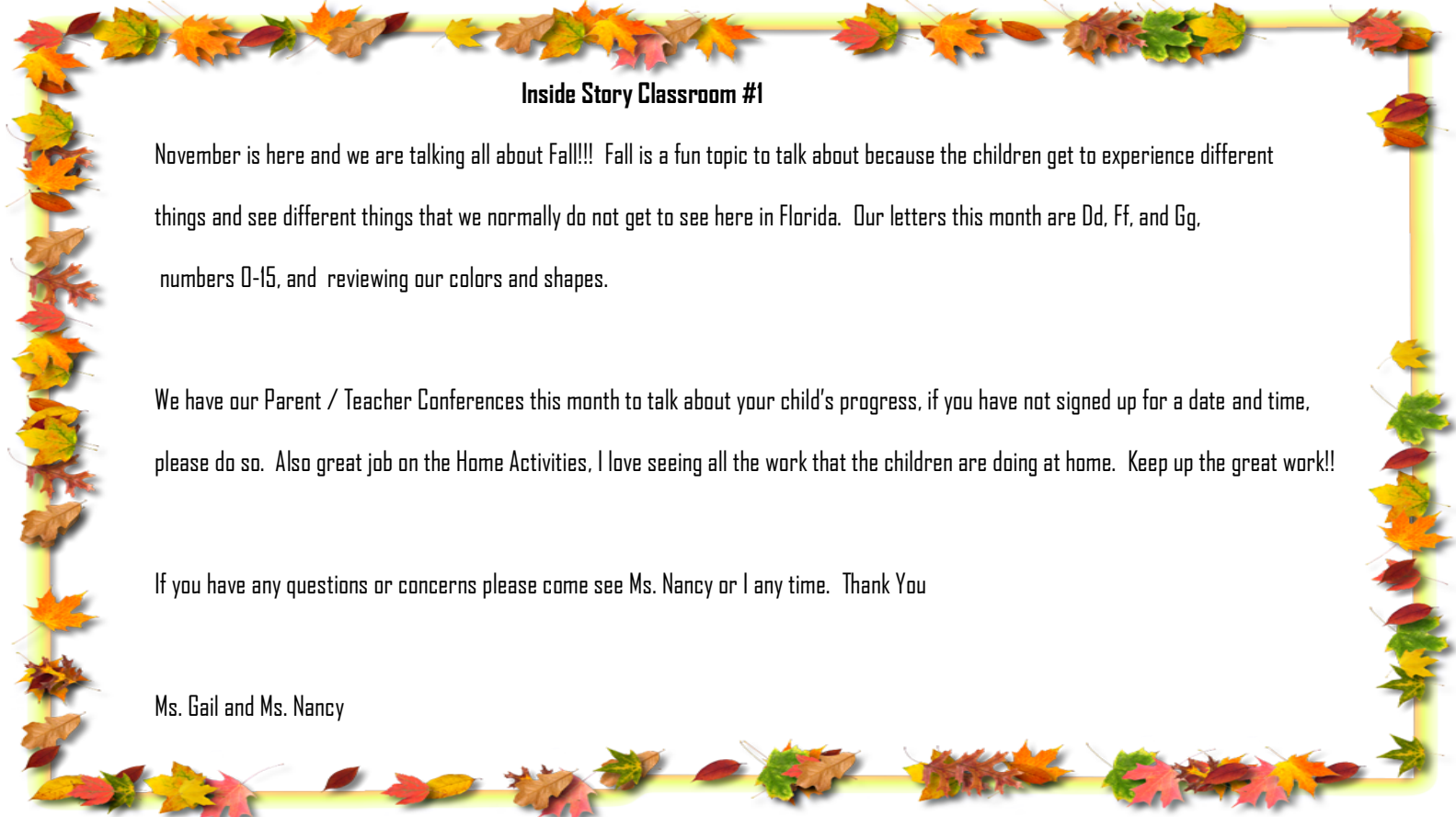
Budget training will be conducted during the November Policy Council meeting by the Chief Financial Officer of Mid Florida Community Services, Kris Bates.

The School Readiness Committee will meet on Nov. 15th.

Due to the holidays, the November and December Policy Council meetings will be earlier than the regularly scheduled meeting date. The November meeting will be held on November 16th. The December meeting will be held on December 14th. Each of these meetings will be conducted via video conference. Participants will meet at the conference room of the administrative office closest to their county.

The program specialist from the Head Start Region IV Office will be visiting our program in November 14th – 17th.





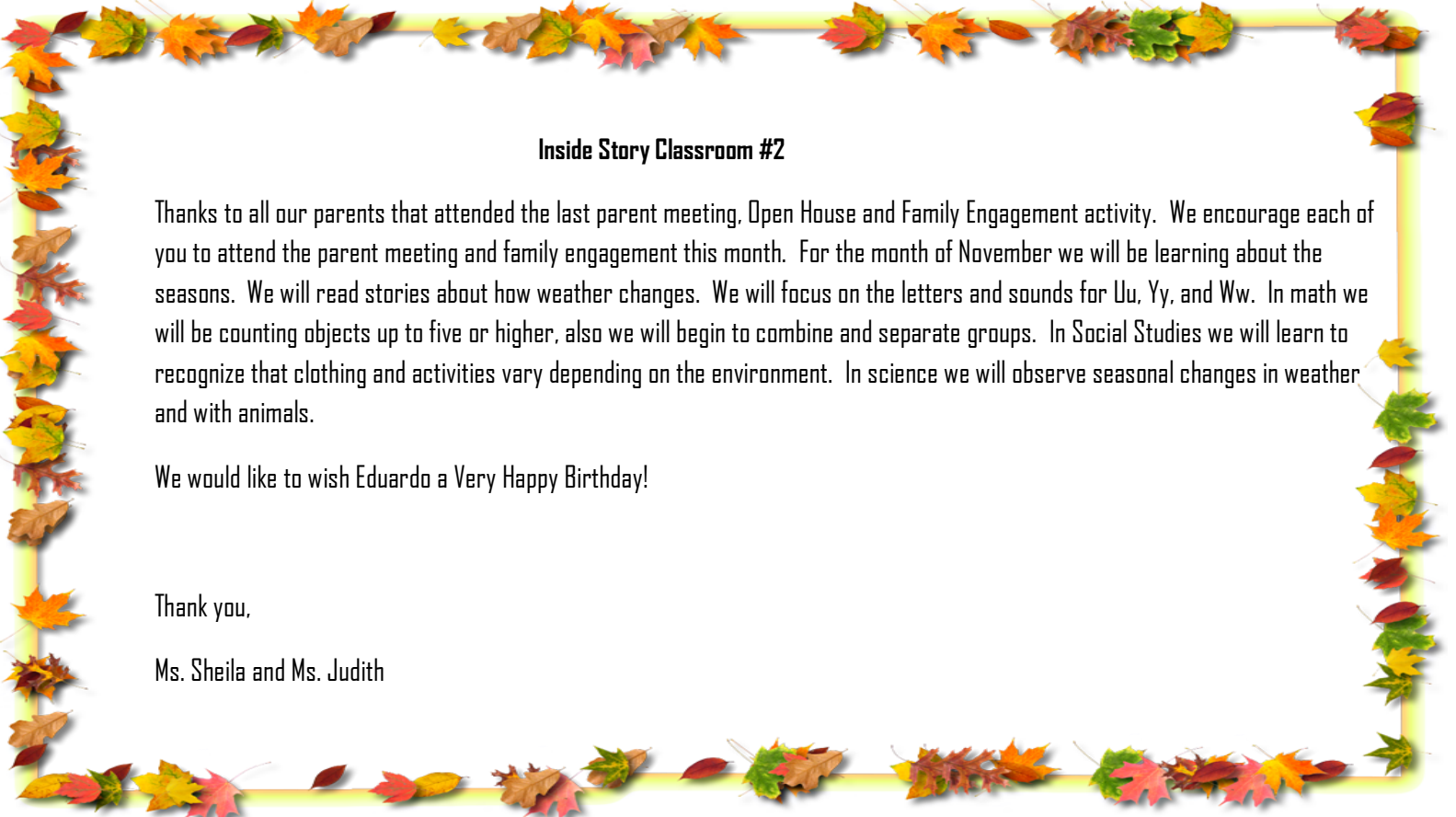
Inside Story Classroom #1

November is here and we are talking all about Fall!!! Fall is a fun topic to talk about because the children get to experience different things and see different things that we normally do not get to see here in Florida. Our letters this month are Dd, Ff, and Gg, numbers 0-15, and reviewing our colors and shapes.

We have our Parent / Teacher Conferences this month to talk about your child's progress, if you have not signed up for a date and time, please do so. Also great job on the Home Activities, I love seeing all the work that the children are doing at home. Keep up the great work!!

If you have any questions or concerns please come see Ms. Nancy or I any time. Thank You

Ms. Gail and Ms. Nancy



Inside Story Classroom #2

Thanks to all our parents that attended the last parent meeting, Open House and Family Engagement activity. We encourage each of you to attend the parent meeting and family engagement this month. For the month of November we will be learning about the seasons. We will read stories about how weather changes. We will focus on the letters and sounds for Uu, Yy, and Ww. In math we will be counting objects up to five or higher, also we will begin to combine and separate groups. In Social Studies we will learn to recognize that clothing and activities vary depending on the environment. In science we will observe seasonal changes in weather and with animals.

We would like to wish Eduardo a Very Happy Birthday!

Thank you,

Ms. Sheila and Ms. Judith

Inside Story Classroom #3

I want to thank all our parents for their support during our Parent meeting, Open House, Family Engagement Activity, Home Activities and the Parent Night at the Museum. This month we will be learning about: The Seasons, how our weather changes and Squash. We will be focusing on letters, Uu, Yy and Ww, shapes, colors, first letter in their name, name recognition, counting 1-10 and number recognition. Please work with your child on their home activity and return it within a week.

Quiero agradecer a nuestros padres por su apoyo durante la Reunión de Padres, Casa Abierta, Actividad Familiar, Tareas y La noche de padres en el Museo de Arte. Este mes estaremos aprendiendo de: Las Estaciones del Año, como cambia el clima y de La Calabaza. Estaremos estudiando las letras Uu, Yy, y Ww, figuras, colores, primera letra del nombre, reconocer su nombre, contar 1-10 y reconocer números. Por favor trabaje con su niño(a) las tareas y devuelvalas a la escuela en esa semana.

Thanks,

Gracias,

Mrs. Jeamary Garcia/Ms. Marianela Ocasio

