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Welcome

Deltona Lakes/Head Start



Newsletter

January, 2017





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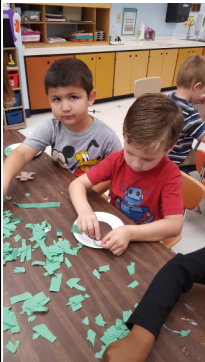
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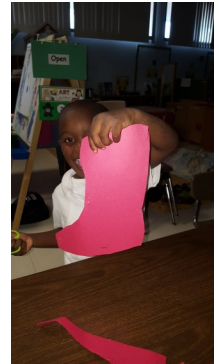
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During the month of December the kids had a blast singing holiday songs and working on their holiday ornaments. Most of all, we talked about the importance of being grateful for the things we have and showing others we care.



During the month of January, we will have just as much fun exploring animal habitats, and how animals adapt to their environment. This will be a great topic to explore as we visit the manatees during our trip to Blue Springs Park. We will also continue to focus on teaching the children the letters in their name, early math and number concepts, as well as common shapes and colors. As you can see, we are going to have a very busy month! As always, if you are interested in volunteering in the classroom, we would love to have you.



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

January 2017						
1 New Years day	2	3	4 Classes Resume	5	6	7
8	9	10 Family Engagement activity 1:15pm	11	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King No school	17	18 Parent Meeting 7:55am	19 Field trip Blue Spring	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Notes: January 4, 11, 18 and 25—Early Release Days			

January 2017 Calendar Template available from www.quickcalendartemplate.com



Talking is Teaching

Karen Bourbonnais, CDS

Hey Mom and Dad! Guess what? Raising smart kids is easy! According to an article in the Huffington Post, one of the biggest things you can do to help your preschooler learn is to TALK to them!!!

The research began fifteen years ago, and today there is proof that talking to very young children can make a BIG difference in their social, emotional and cognitive development. Children who have “talkative parents” -- meaning parents who explain things, who ask questions, who respond to the child, are likely to be smarter. “Early talk” plays a major role in a child’s language development; language development is the key to literacy and **literacy is the single-most predictor of long term academic and professional success.**

So TALK, TALK, and TALK to your small child about everything. Talk while you do the dishes, watch TV, and shop for groceries. ***“We’re washing these dishes in warm soapy water so they will be clean. We want them clean so we won’t get germs. What do you think would happen if we didn’t wash our dishes? What if we didn’t use soap?”***

Anyone can do it. To raise a smarter child, just carry on a conversation! Not only will your child feel special, you will be creating the language-rich environment essential for your child’s future success.

For more information, please talk to your child’s teacher and visit the Galileo web site for home activities that promote language. It has been a pleasure serving you my friends, and I wish you all the happiness and peace that comes from raising awesome children to succeed.

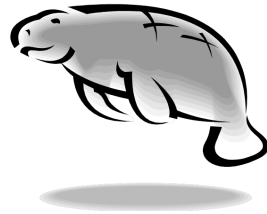
Ms. Karen
Head Start CDS





FIELD TRIP - BLUE SPRINGS PARK

JANUARY 19TH, 2017



Chaperones are welcome! If you are interested in accompanying us on this field trip, check with your child's teacher.

Policy Council Report December 2016

The December Policy Council meeting was held on Tuesday, December 13th at 10:00 am via video conference. Fourteen policy council members (12 parents and 2 community partner members) were present.

The following persons were approved for hire:

Dawnelle Noles, Program Substitute – Volusia (east side)

Yeymary Gordian, Center Aide – Coleman Center, Volusia

The following reports were approved: Budget and Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Area and Center. Three parent activity requests were approved.

The Galileo Outcomes Analysis Report and six new educational procedures were reviewed.

The next Policy Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 10 am. It will be a face to face meeting in Leesburg.





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Deltona Lakes Head start Parent Meeting Minutes December 6th, 2016

- Meeting was started at 12:30pm while on the field trip.
- There were 6 parents present at this meeting.
- We voted on changing the parent meeting to the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:55am so that we may have more parents in attendance. 6 parents voted yes.
- Our vice president had to step down, so we voted for secretary to be moved to vice president and we will need to vote on a new secretary at next meeting.
- We talked about what we would like to do for our yearly parent activity, and gave suggestions of family pictures and pot luck, just a pot luck picnic. Mrs. Nelly will be printing up a voting card for the parents to help decided what activity they would like to do.
- Ms. Blanca talked about what the children are learning in the classroom this month which was the different seasons of the year and also talked about the kids writing their names and letters.
- The meeting came to an end with the announcements of no early release days the rest of the year and the student holiday for winter break are December 20th at end of day until they come back on January 4th.
- NEXT PARENT MEETING IS JANARY 17TH AT 7:55AM IN THE LIBRARY.
- Meeting ended at 1pm

