



EVEC December Newsletter

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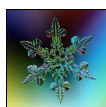
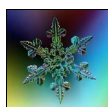
- December 21st—January 3rd Winter Break
- Classes resume on January 4th 2017– Early Release Day

Field Trip:

- December 15th—Santa's Christmas Tree Forest 8:00—1:30

Important Dates:

- Parent Involvement: Come Make A snowflake with me! Wednesday, December 20th at 1 pm
- Book Signing: Dorothy Mayhew "Monkey Bread Soup": Dec 9th @ 1pm



**The next Parent Meeting is
December 20th at 1:45 pm**

From the Desk of: Crystal Hill, CDS



Holidays can be a time when parents decide that doing things with their children will be a priority and they will use the time to get to know each other and enjoy each other's company. 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....

FAMILY ADVOCATE'S CORNER

Believe it or not the Holiday Season is here! Wow! The children are all so excited at this time of the year. So much to eat, lots of goodies, cookies and pies for everyone. Enjoy the Holidays as you spend quality time together. It is an ideal time to choose age appropriate books, puzzles and toys for the children.

It has been a great school year so far. Make sure health records are updated where needed. Check the cubbies and change clothes for the cooler weather. Have a Merry Christmas & a Blessed New Year. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year 2017. Please be safe and remember to help the children make healthy choices.

Mrs. Janet & Ms. Alicia



CLASSROOM #1: THE SUPER HEROES



In December we will be working on nutrition, communicating with the world and winter carnival. We are also working on compound words, rhyming words, letters and their sounds. Practicing at home with your child, or in the car will reinforce what we are doing in the classroom. We are also excited about our field trip to the Tree Farm!

Please make an effort to come to family involvement activities and parent meetings. There is so much important information shared at the parent meetings.

Thank you so much for a great year so far! We are looking forward to 2017. have a safe and happy winter break! Ms. Shana & Ms. Elaine

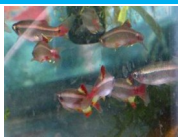


CLASSROOM #2: WISE OWLS

In the month of December we will be doing a lot of reviewing the alphabet we learned throughout the year, we also will be reviewing the numbers, colors and shapes we have already learned. We would like to encourage parents to continue to read daily to your children so they can develop a joy for reading. Each week we will be learning a different letter, number, color and shape on our board. We are also working on identifying our letters in our name, and recognizing our last name in print. I would like to remind parents to come out to participate in our family engagement activities and, parents feel free to come in and volunteer in your child's classroom at any time. We would also like to thank all the parents for coming to our parent meetings. We are pleased with the progress that our children have made in a short amount of time. Have a happy and safe holiday!



Ms. Kathy & Ms. Danna



CLASSROOM #3: THE MINNOWS

Oh my! We're in the month of December. This is the time for reviewing what we have learn thus far, such as, Second Step (social/emotional development) and eating etiquette (how we sit at a table and have conversations and display good manners) in addition to reviewing numbers, letters, etc. and learning about things that happen on a daily basis while working at our work stations.

We want to thank the wonderful parents who have volunteer time to assist us in the classroom and outside the classroom with activities. We want to extend this invitation to all activities or events we will be presenting. Please encourage your child to talk with you every day about things they have done while

at school. It helps to enlarge their vocabulary and social skill interaction.

Season's Greetings to all and happy Holidays!

Mrs. Mary & Ms. Megan



CLASSROOM #4 BUTTERFLIES

The Butterflies in classroom #4 will be busy with reviewing their ABC's, shapes, colors, and letters in their names. Plus, they will be working with our Nutrition curriculum "Spinach Lane" learning all about spinach and making a delicious spinach dip to taste. We will also be review and learning about our feelings with our Second Step curriculum. Lastly, we will be looking at different holidays from around the world. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Ms. Bethzaida and Ms. Natalie



CLASSROOM #5: SUPER STARS

The SuperStars of Classroom 5 are shining on and learning! We have introduced numbers 1 through 5 and are working on putting them in order. We are making patterns and learning about the season of Fall and how apples grow!. So far we have learned the letters A,B,D,J,K, and M so parents, keep on practicing those letter and letter sounds at home! Our garden is growing, stop by and see all the wonderful goodies we have! In Second Step we are identifying different feelings and learning about the word empathy, where we see someone is feeling something and we understand how and why they are feeling that way Thank you to our parents for making sure your children don't miss Second Step in the morning!

Ms. Krista & Ms. Monica

POLICY COUNCIL MINUTES for November

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.

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26, 2016

Meeting was called to order @ 12:45 by Chairperson Maureen Fields. Ms. Crystal read last month's minutes. Each month a class will be doing a performance for the parents.

This month Classroom #2 performed

Topics discussed :

The importance of attendance and calling when the child is not coming.

Update shots & Physical.

Update to pick up list and change of address or phone numbers

Bring change of clothes in just in case of accident

No School Veteran's Day Friday November 11th 2016

It's a Health Thing at the Volusia County Health Dept. Wednesday November 16th at 9:30 am to 12:30am

Chaperone Training will be done for parents who would like to volunteer on Field Trips.

Thanksgiving Break Begins Nov. 22nd 2016- Nov. 28th

Field Trip to the Tree Farm Eustis on December 15th 2016

Ms. Kathy updated parents on lesson plans. Parents will have an idea of what their children are learning each day

Next Parent Meeting November 30th.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm



Perfect Attendance for November

Classroom 1

Rayleigh Brown
Aubrielle Chatman
Deria Gordon
Kayson Taylor

Classroom 2

Ra'mya Hardy
Jerond Harvey
Sh'Rhia Owens

Classroom 3

Sariah Brown
Journee Fields
Ashton Foster
Kelvin Pride
Jerymiah Washington

Classroom 4

Nylia Bennett
Ronnie Jones
Aaliyah Washington

Classroom 5

Jordan Ruiz
Davona Stokes
Jace Williams

Perfect 
Attendance!