



## EVEC January Newsletter

### Early Release:

- ♦ January 4th
- ♦ January 11th
- ♦ January 18th
- ♦ January 25th

### School Closed:

- ♦ January 16th—Martin Luther King's Birthday Holiday

### Important Dates:

Family Involvement  
January 25th @ 12:00—  
Come make a snowflake  
with me!

**The next Parent Meeting is  
January 25th at 12:45 pm**



## Welcome Back

From the Desk of: Crystal Hill, CDS



It is amazing how quickly the New Year comes and goes. I hope you had a wonderful break! We are already beginning to plan for next year! We are happy to see all your smiling faces back school. We wish you all a Happy 2017 and look forward to all the exciting events to come throughout the school year. As studies show it is important for children to stick to a routine, see the helpful information below.



## Toy Safety Shopping Tips: Buy the right toy for the right age child

### Ages 3 through 5

Avoid toys that are constructed with thin, brittle plastic that might easily break into small pieces or leave jagged edges.

Look for household art materials, including crayons and paint sets, marked with the designation "ASTM D-4236." This means the product has been reviewed by a toxicologist and, if necessary, labeled with cautionary information.

Teach older children to keep their toys away from their younger brothers and sisters.

### READ THE LABEL....



Shopping for toys during the holidays can be exciting and fun, but it can also be frustrating. There can be thousands of toys to choose from in one store, and it's important to choose the right toy for the right age child. Toys that are meant for older children can be dangerous for younger children.

Last year, an estimated 140,700 children were treated in the U.S. hospital emergency rooms after toy-related incidents and 13 children died.



## **FAMILY ADVOCATE'S CORNER**

Happy New Year 2017! And welcome back to Head Start. I hope you had a great holiday. As we enter into a new beginning I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for keeping up with attendance. I also want to encourage you to volunteer when you can. Attend parent meetings and be involved in your child's progress. Remember to have your child's dental, shots and physical updated. Let us continue to work together as we move forward in 2017. Thank you again for all that you do, you can make the difference. Any questions or concerns, please call your Family Advocate Janet Ali @ 386-323-7115 and Alicia Graham 386-323-7114



### **CLASSROOM #1: THE SUPER HEROES**

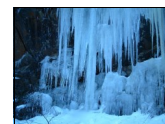
In January we will be working on Building In Our City, Let's Go For A Ride, Homes We Build and Down on the Farm. Please make sure that your child has an extra change of clothes in their cubby. We also want to remind parents to bring home their child's blanket every Friday and return it on Monday. We appreciate the parents who volunteered on the field trip! We are aware that there are many of our parents who want to volunteer on field trips. Volunteering in the classroom is just as important as volunteering on field trips. We welcome volunteers in our classroom any day!

Please have a safe and happy holiday break and we will see you in 2017!

Ms. Shana & Ms. Elaine

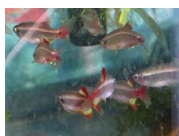


### **CLASSROOM #2: WISE OWLS**



In the month of January the Owls are going to be learning about animals everywhere. We also will be reviewing the animal habitats as well. Each week we have up a different letter, color, shape, number and different words that begin with that letter. Please make sure you take time to do your child's home activities with them so you can incorporate what we are working on at school while they are at home. It also gives you an idea of what we are working on in class as well. We also will be talking about Martin Luther King Jr. and what he stood for and how it make it possible for all of us to work together as one, we will also be going on a walk in his honor. Ms. Danna and I would also like to thank all the parents that take time to come in to participate in our family involvement activities it means so much to all of the children. Thank you to all our parents for participating in our parent meetings we greatly appreciate it. We also like to thank our parents for all your continue corporation and your support!

Ms. Kathy & Ms. Danna



### CLASSROOM #3: THE MINNOWS

Welcome back and we hope everyone had a safe and joyous holiday! In the month of January we are learning about animals. The theme is 'Animals Everywhere'. During meeting times, the children will be discussing how animals move (fast, slow), where they live (types of homes), what they eat, what sounds they make and other important information about them. They will be conducting individual animal projects to display what they know about any particular animal by using materials in the classroom. Our math activities will consist of patterns, sorting and describing animals. The children observing what animals they see in the environment and describe what they are doing. We will be reading and writing about different animals and exhibit literacy on presentations. We will be having our **animal parade** and visit each classroom so the children can show off their creations. Please be on the lookout for weekly **Second Step** home flyers.

Thanks to our parents who volunteer (Maureen Fields) and community volunteer Jessica Ramos! We welcome all parents to volunteer as much as possible to see first-hand how your child interact with the teachers/peers and learn on a daily basis.

Please remember to bring extra clothing for your child and talk with your child every day about what they learning and out the classroom

Mrs. Mary & Mrs. Nikki



### CLASSROOM #4 BUTTERFLIES

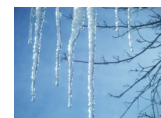
Our classroom will start a fresh new year with positive thoughts on January 4th. Parents, we are going to work together to empower our children. We are going to start with learning a new pledge for each day. We are going to send the pledge to parents to practice with their children and the entire class is going to recite this pledge every day. Our class is going to learn all about being kind one another. This month our topics will be: Animals in winter , Love Animals, Animals we know, animals Land and Sea.

Ms. Bethzaida & Ms. Natalie



### CLASSROOM #5: SUPER STARS

Our Superstars have been reviewing the letters we have learned so far this year. We will be introducing T, X and C in the month of January. We are learning about responsibility and taking care of our own things and helping one another too. We continue practice on numbers and putting them in order as well as patterning and identifying the tallest and shortest in a group. Please continue to help assist your child with the homework and ask them about the letter of the week they are learning.



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### Policy Council update for December 2016

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The December Policy Council meeting was held on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 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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### Parent Meeting Minutes for December 2016

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# Perfect Attendance for December

**Classroom 1**

Alahna Conaway  
Fernando DeLong  
Deria Gordon  
Kayson Taylor  
Emmanuel Richardson  
LeBron Sampson  
Anyilah White

**Classroom 2**

Journey King  
Jurnee Noel  
Ma'Rhiya Williams

**Classroom 3**

Jerymiah Washington  
Jaden Powers  
Ashton Foster

**Classroom 4**

Printence Dunkley  
Ethan Williams  
Cam'ron Harris

**Classroom 5**

Jordan Ruiz  
Jace Williams  
Davona Stokes  
Treyvion Turner  
Quanmaniece Johnson

Perfect   
Attendance!