



## EVEC April Newsletter

The Parent Meeting is April 30th at 2:15 pm

### Early Release:

\*April 4

### Parent Meeting:

\* April 30 @ 2:15

### Family Involvement:

\*April 30 @ 1:30

### Policy Council Meeting:

\*April 26th

### Library :

\*April 6 Class 1,2,4

\*April 13 Class 3,5

### Parent Activity:

\*April 20th

Tie-Dye Shirts

**PREVENT  
CHILD ABUSE  
WEAR BLUE  
ON  
APRIL 6TH**



## From the Desk of Crystal Hill, CDS From the Desk of: Crystal Hill, CDS

### Day after Day after Day...

Children thrive on routines. The daily routine carried out in the classroom helps children feel safe, secure and happy because they know what happens next.

**A written schedule is posted in each classroom**, and outlines a time frame for the day's events. The schedule includes a balance of activities like arrival time, large group, small group, meals and indoor/outdoor play. Written schedules are critical for managing the day, but they are only a guide.

**A picture schedule is available for the children.** This helps them understand the routine and that certain things happen every day at school.

"Transitioning" in the classroom, or moving from one activity to the next throughout the day, can cause stress and mistaken behavior in children. To help, a successful teacher will have some creative transition ideas in her bag of tricks and will allow a child to move at his or her own pace whenever possible.

Classrooms that I consider "evolved" often seem loud and chaotic, but a closer look will reveal that the children know the routine, are independent and are working in their own way to achieve a common goal or to arrive at a certain point in the day.

Ask your child's teachers about transitions! They'll be happy to share some really clever ideas that may even help you keep things running more smoothly at home. Then children are beginning their transition into Kindergarten this month. There are many things that will be changing, ask your children about this as well.



## **FAMILY ADVOCATE'S CORNER**

Spring is in the air and the end of the school year is fast approaching. Parents will be contacted to complete enrollment packets for children that are returning. Now is the time to register for Summer VPK if your child is four years old and going to kindergarten. You can also contact the Early Learning Coalition in person or @386-323-2400. Please tell your friends and family members with three and four year old children to contact Ms. Janet @ 386-323-7115 or Ms. Alicia @ 386-323-7114 to complete an application for Head Start and Early Head Start. Remember to have your child's health records updated. Kindergarten Registration and Orientation will begin soon. We will share more information with you as soon as we receive them.

Alicia Graham (386) 323-7114

Janet Ali (386) 323-7115



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

Hello parents, the year is almost over! These next few weeks will be busy, with lots of learning taking place doing our best to get them prepared for kindergarten. We will continue doing Second Step helping them learn how to manage their emotions, calming down methods, how to speak up assertively and how to ask for something and how to be patient. Our themes for next month will Be “ Rain and Water, and Let's Count. We will be working more on counting, ordinal numbers, more classify-ing and sorting, grouping and recognizing and writing numbers past 25. We will continue reading and writing short sentences and recognizing more words. As al-ways, we thank you for all of your support and are very pleased with the progress your little ones have made. Ms. Kenya/Mrs. Lorri😊

## **CLASSROOM #2: INSIDE OUT**

Welcome back from Spring break! We hope you had a safe and fun week. In the month of April we will be learning about ways we move. We will be talking about various ways that objects move, developing aware-ness of action words, position words, and they will talk about the difference between real and make believe. Each week we will have a new letter, shape, color, picture and number to learn. Please feel free to ask your children what letter or number us are working and help them name objects that start with that letter. I would also like parents to start working on site words with children going to kindergarten. We would also like to thank parents for coming to our parent meeting: it is a great way to get into the habit of going to them as your child progresses in school. We also like to thank our parents for your continue corporation and your support!

Ms. Kathi & Ms. Danna

**CLASSROOM #3: THE SHINING STARS**

This month we are going to be learning about Music and Movement (Let's Move) and also the letters (Qq, Nn) and numbers 1 to 10, along with lots of fun things. We are going to continue working on our gross motor skills, fine motor skills and Second Step Curriculum. I great big shout out to our class for learning the numbers 0 to 7 and the letters in their names, they are doing a wonderful job!

A few friendly reminder, our day begins at 8:00 am and ends at 2:00 pm Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri and Wednesday is early realize at 1:00pm. And please make sure that your child have extra clothing in their cubbies and to bring a blanket every Monday. We really appreciate your participation in our classroom activities.

Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Ada & Mrs. Briget

**CLASSROOM #4 UNDER THE SEA**

In April, our weekly themes will be garden, sweet potatoes, and water and rain. We will continue with Second Step by reviewing some of our previous units. We will continue to celebrate when we are a "good friend" to one another. Also, we will be completing our final parent- teacher conference this month and discussing your child's transition to kindergarten. We have made many changes recently to aid in this transition such as not having a rest time in our daily schedule any longer and cafeteria style lunches. Please help us with the transition by keeping a good night time routine and beginning our school day at 8:00 am. Thanks for your help in making this a successful school year for your child!

Ms. Amanda & Ms. Mary

**CLASSROOM #5: JUNGLE BUDDIES**

We are so excited how fast our children are grasping new information. Some of them are motivated learning sight words. We are very grateful of our parents and relatives who are part of their learning. Days go flying and we want to take advantage of every minute we have left with our children. We hope to have perfect attendance from most of our children in the days are left. Parents lets work together and come to the next two meetings left for transition to kindergarten. We thank you for the efforts all of you do every day~!!!

Thank you from the teaching team: Mrs. Bethzaida and Ms. Monica

## Policy Council update for March 2018

The March Policy Council Meeting was held on Thursday, March 26th at Mid Florida Head Start/Early Head Start Administrative Offices in Hernando and Volusia Counties via video conference. Thirteen policy council members were present. One community partner was present. Ten staff members were present.

The attendance rate of several classrooms fell below 85% last month. The primary reason for absences was illness.

The following reports were approved: *Budget, Credit Cards, Enrollment/ Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Areas and Centers.* Parent Activity requests for the following sites were approved: Holly Hill, West Volusia Education Center (WVEC), Osteen and Woodward.

New hires for the following positions were approved:

*Volusia County* : Part Time Extended Day Teacher at Chisholm Center and Center Aide at West Volusia Education Center (WVEC); *Hernando County* : Head Start Teacher at Spring Hill and Early Head Start Teacher in Brooksville.

Glynne Pascal, Education Manager, provided an overview of the curricula being used in the Head Start and Early Head Start classrooms. **Galileo** is a Pre-K curriculum and is a great resource for individualizing lesson plans. Each parent has a log-in code that allows them to check their child's development progress at any time and receive suggestions for at home activities. **Houghton Mifflin** is another Pre-K curriculum that is used in some of our Head Start classrooms as a supplemental curriculum. It is very hands-on and strong in literacy and math. **Second-Step** supports the development of social emotional learning so children can be kind, caring and responsible members in society. **Grow It, Try It, Like It!** is the nutrition education component that encourages children to try different fruits and vegetables. **Creative Curriculum** is used in our Early Head Start classrooms and is very responsive to intentional care giving for ages 0-3. It enables children to develop a secure attachment with the important people in their lives and gain confidence in themselves as learners.

### PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Welcome – All

Meeting call to Order – Chairperson Ms. Evelina Graham

Old Business - Minutes read from last meeting –Evelina Graham

Classroom Performance: Classroom 2&3

New Business –

- Summer & Fall VPK: remember to get your Vouchers from ELC
- Applications for new school year will begin soon see FAs
- Visit to Keech Street Library - April 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>
- Transition Meeting: All Kindergarten Parents: Aim for the prize 5/24/18
- Kindergarten registration will begin soon check your zoned schools
- Remember **Photo Id is required** for family members picking up children.

Money Smart- Recipes for Fruits & Veggies on a Budget

CDS: Ms. Crystal Hill

- Parent Conference will start in April

Kindergarten Trip in May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

Family Engagement: Michael Davis

FA: Ms. Janet Ali & Ms. Alicia Graham

Please be reminded that regular attendance is very important to our program.

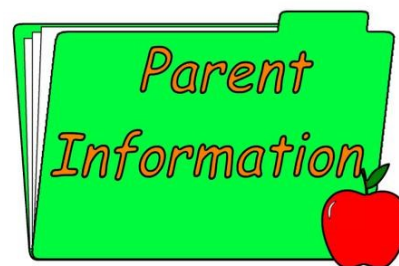
Unless your child is in extended day pick up time is @ 2:00 pm.

Early release is on Wednesdays @ 1:00 pm.

Also try to update all personal info such as Phone numbers, new address and pick up list.

Next Parent Meeting: April 30, 2018

Adjournment



# Perfect Attendance for March

## Classroom 1

Adrianna Allen  
Ze'Onna Lyons  
Janiece McIntosh  
Zi'Aira Smith

## Classroom 2

Lejandre Housey  
Salvador Orta Geiringer  
Taliayh Walker

## Classroom 3

Rashid Dunn  
Dalilah Miller  
Wy'Necia Norwood

## Classroom 4

Ivy Gervin  
Jerond Harvey  
Lejauri Housey  
Kalvin Pride  
Kelynd Smith  
Taylor Wiley

## Classroom 5

Ra'mya Hardy  
Kelvin Pride  
Trinity Walker  
Ma'Rhiya Williams

Perfect   
Attendance!