



EVEC December Newsletter

**The Parent Meeting is January 18
at 2:15 pm**

Early Release:

- *Dec. 6
- *Dec. 13
- *Dec. 20

Important Dates:

- *No School:
December 21– January 7
- School Resumes:
Jan 8th

Library Trip:

- *Dec 1st
 - *Dec 8th
- See you teacher for which day.

Family Involvement:

- *December 18@
1:30
Movie & PJ Event

Santa is Coming:

- *Dec 19th 12:30pm

Policy Council Meeting:

- *December 14 @
10am

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.

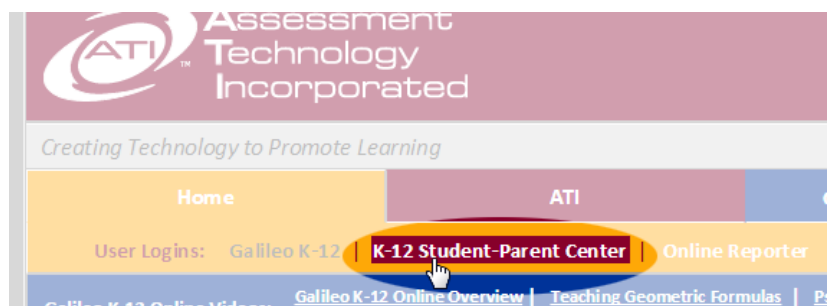
Try to arrange some individual time with each child if you can, as well as family time - this helps build good relationships and helps your children's self-esteem.

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 2018. Please be safe and remember to help the children make healthy choices.

Ms. Alicia & Mrs. Janet



CLASSROOM #1: THE SUPER HEROES

Greetings from Classroom # 1 The Superhero's. Can you believe this year is almost over! Out themes for next month are The Colors of Fall, So May Trees and Winter Carnival. We will be learning about the four seasons as well as the different changes in the weather during each season, holidays that fall in each season, and the types of clothing worn for each season. We will be doing crafts and activities relating to the different holidays. In our Second Step Curriculum we will be learning about We feel Feelings in Our Bodies, Strong Feelings and Naming Feelings. The children have been doing a great job with learning how to manage and appropriately handle their emotions through what they have been learning through Second Step. We will continue working on sorting, sequencing, classifying, matching, counting, position words and our writing skills. As always, Mrs. Lorri and I thank you for all of your support and your patience. Have a wonderful rest of the year.

Ms. Kenya & Mrs. Lorri

Merry Christmas



CLASSROOM #2: INSIDE OUT

In the month of December we will be doing a lot of reviewing the alphabets 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. Kathryn and Ms. Danna

CLASSROOM #3: THE SHINING STARS

Dear Parents, an amazing thing being a preschool teacher. We can't imagine doing anything else. Not only do we get to have fun all the time (well, almost) but we also get to spend time with "little people" who are very curious and innocent. They tell us what they think and feel without any inhibitions. Don't you think our job is fun? Thank you for letting us be part of your child's life.

In December we will be learning about "All season around", Nutrition, numbers, shapes, colors, letter Oo, Yy, Uu, and review X, T, P, S. We will also learn about Christmas Holidays around the World, (Hanukah, Kwanza, Christmas, and Three King). We are reading stories daily and discussing what the story is about and the different parts of the books (Cover page, back, page, spine and title, author and illustrators). Please do this with your child at home.

We love to see your children every day and thank you for your support. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year 2018.

Mrs. Ada and Mrs. Briget

**CLASSROOM #4 UNDER THE SEA**

In December, we will be learning about the colors of fall, cantaloupe, and so many trees. We will continue to practice name writing without prompts. We will continue learning letter sounds and practice number recognition. We are enjoying the Reading Pals program that all students attend twice a week. We are focusing on positive behaviors by implementing a "friendship jar" in our classroom. Students get to put a stone in when they do something nice or be a good friend to a peer. Feel free to ask your child if they have got to put a stone in yet or what they can do to get one in. We would love to have some volunteers in the classroom! You can play games with a small group of children, help set up for meals, clean, read stories, or whatever you are comfortable with. Thanks for your continued support in your child's education. You will always be their first teacher! Mrs. Amanda & Ms. Mary

**CLASSROOM #5: JUNGLE BUDDIES**

Here we are, December! The month of gifting. We will share with the children the importance of giving. We will be discussing the varying of families and their different holiday cultures. We will be exploring the map to see the different places our families may travel or have traveled. We will be working the letters Aa, Zz, Bb and Mm. We will be arranging numbers 0-10 in order and going of the word form of the numbers one-five. Parents be mindful of the weather change, please change out your child's extra clothing in their cubby

Ms. Bethzaida & Ms. Monica

Policy Council update for November 2017

The **November Policy Council meeting training** was held on Thursday, November 16th at 10:00 am via video conference. A quorum was established. Thirteen policy council members were present.

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

The results of the election of officers conducted at the October meeting were reviewed. Council members were advised that the person elected as chairman was not eligible for election to an office as he attended the meeting as an alternate and alternates are not eligible for nomination to an office. The official policy council representative from a center is the only person who can be nominated for or elected to a policy council office. The previously elected vice chairman, Sheila Ramos (Representative from Coleman Center in Volusia) was nominated to now become the chairman. There was a unanimous vote in favor of Ms. Ramos. Ramon Ayala was nominated for the office of vice chairman. There was unanimous vote in favor of Mr. Ayala.

Candidates for the following job vacancies have been approved for hire:

Hernando: Substitute Teacher III

Volusia: Substitute Teacher III, Blue Lake Elementary Blended Classroom
 Family Advocate, Jo Sheppard Early Head Start
 Family Advocate, Holly Hill Head Start
 Teacher Assistant III, Blue Lake Elementary Blended Classroom
 Substitute Teacher Assistant
 Full Time Extended Day Teacher Assistant, EVEC
 Nutrition Coordinator



Budget training is postponed until next month due to the hospitalization of the Mid Florida Community Services, Inc., Chief Financial Officer - Kris Bates.

A maximum of 25% for food expenses was agreed upon per Parent Activity. All parent activities have to be submitted, in advance, to the Family Advocate for forwarding to the Family Engagement Coordinator for approval. The cost of food items that serve as materials to help teach a specific parenting skill during a Parent Activity is not included in the food expense.



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2017

Meeting was called to order @ 2:15 by Evelina Graham. Minutes were read from last parent meeting. Classroom #3 performed for the parents. Ms. Ada Roque gave the teachers report

- Classrooms will visit the Keech Street Library (once a month)
- Ms. Crystal spoke about Reading Pals already started in CR #4
- Also Santa will be coming to the center in Dec date TBD
- Parents were reminded to update all personal info on pick up list.
- Extended Day Letter due Tomorrow Nov 21st
- No School Nov 22-24th. Thanksgiving Holiday
- Family Engagement: Michael Davis
- Announcements- CDS Ms. Crystal Hill, FA Ms. Janet Ali & Ms. Alicia. Ms. Crystal spoke to parents about - Money Smart- Shop and save for the holidays Cyber Monday VS Black Friday.

Information was printed and shared with parents

- Next Parent Meeting: Dec 18th @ 2:15pm. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm



Perfect Attendance for November

Classroom 1

Ashton Foster
Ze'Onna Lyons
Caleb Savage
Ky'Lei Shropshire
Zi'Aira Smith
Ethan Williams

Classroom 2

Tolbert Alexander

Classroom 3

Rashid Dunn
Jonas Paschal
K'Lynn Reed
Zayden Wood

Classroom 4

Ra'mya Hardy
Axel Mencias-Castro
Sh'Rhia Owens
Charles Paschal
Kelvin Pride

Classroom 5

Jerond Harvey
Journey King
Kelynd Smith
Taylor Wiley

Perfect 
Attendance!