



EVEC February Newsletter

**The Parent Meeting is February 26
at 2:15 pm**

Early Release:

- *Feb. 7
- *Feb. 14
- *Feb. 21
- *Feb. 28

Important Dates:

- * No School -
- *February 19

Parent Meeting:

- * Feb. 26 @ 2:15

Family Involvement:

- * Feb. 26 @ 1:30

Policy Council Meeting:

- * Feb. 22nd @ 10am

Transition Meeting:

Kindergarten Parents ONLY

- * Feb. 22nd @ 2:15

Library Trips:

- * Feb. 2nd
- * Feb. 9th

Closed:

- * Feb. 19- President Day

Home Visits:

- * This month- Please set up a date and time with your teacher.

Stay Healthy During the Winter Months

With the cold weather here this means that you or your child may become sick at some point. One of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs and stay healthy is by washing your hands frequently throughout the day. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggest following these guidelines for effective hand washing:

- Wet your hands with clean running water and apply soap. Use warm water if it is available.
- Rub hands together to make a lather and scrub all surfaces.
- Continue rubbing hands for 15-20 seconds.
- Rinse hands well under running water.
- Dry your hands using a paper towel or air dryer.

If soap and water aren't available, the CDC suggests using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer to kill germs. However, hand sanitizers should not be used to replace the practice of hand washing. Germs are often spread by touching contaminated surfaces and then transferring the organisms to your mouth, nose or eyes. So avoid putting your hands in your face.

Try to keep a sick child out of the kitchen because germs can be spread to eating surfaces when kids cough, sneeze, and rub their hands on them. This can make the rest of the family vulnerable to getting sick.

Reminders

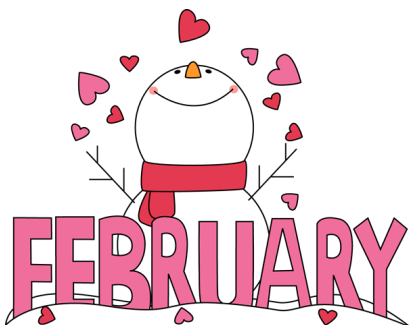
Please make sure that children are coming to school each day with labeled weather appropriate clothing (jacket, hat, mittens, snow pants, and boots). Please note that the classrooms try to go outside each day weather permitting.

Thank You:

Classroom teachers would like to thank all families that have graciously donated items to their child's classroom over the past months. Many families have donated classroom materials, extra clothes, went on field trips and volunteered in the classroom. We thank you for your continuous support!

Crystal Hill

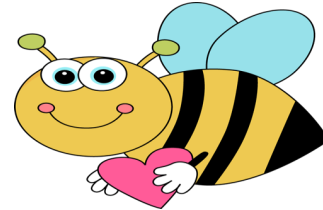
CDS- Child Development Specialist



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FAMILY ADVOCATE'S CORNER

Happy Valentine's Day to you all! February is indeed a special month. Show your love by volunteering in your child's classroom. Check with your child's teacher to schedule a time to read or assist with other activities. Regular attendance is important for your child's progress. Please call the Classroom when your child is absent. Remember to have your child's shots and physicals updated. We do love and appreciate all you do to support Family Engagement. Any questions or concerns regarding Applications please call your Family Advocates Janet Ali @ 386-323-7115 and Alicia Graham @ 386-323-7114



CLASSROOM #1: THE SUPER HEROES

Greetings from classroom # 1 The Superhero's. This month we will continue working on compound words, sight words, words that go with the letter of the week as well as descriptive words. We will continue working on math problems such as how to write them and how to say them. We will continue counting groups and more one-to one correspondence. In Second Step we will be learning about Having Fun With Friends, Inviting Friends to Play, and Saying the Problem. The children have been doing a great job with Second Step, remembering the different ways to calm down and how to use their words when they are having a problem, as well as learning how to resolve conflicts. Our themes will be Down on the Farm, All Shapes and Sizes and Clothes for My Body. Next month also starts the meetings for The Kindergarten Transition and we welcome and appreciate your support during this. As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Ms. Kenya & Ms. Lorri

CLASSROOM #2: INSIDE OUT

In the month of February the inside outs theme will be construction. We will be learning about construction zones, vehicles, tools, and safety hazards that go along with construction. February is Black History month and we will be working on crafts and learning about African American History as well. Each week we will be learning a different letter, shape, color, number, and different words that begin with that letter of the week. Please make sure you change out your child's spare clothing and dress them appropriate for the weather because it's changing. Ms. Danna and I would like to thank all the parents for participating in our parents meetings we greatly appreciate it. We also like to thank our parents for all your continue corporation and your support!

Ms. Kathryn & Ms. Danna

CLASSROOM #3: THE SHINING STARS

May your Walls Know joy, May your room hold laughter, and every window open to create a possibility in this month of February.

This month we are going to be learning about Construction. And each week we will also be learning new letters, and new numbers and we are also going to continue working on our fine motor skills, gross motor skills and Second Step Curriculum. We are so proud of the progress our children have been making, the majority of our class are recognize and spell their names. They are doing a excellent job! Mrs. Briget and I really appreciate your participation in the home activities you are doing with your children. A few friendly reminder, remember our day begins at 8:05 am. And please make sure that your child have extra clothing in their cubbies and to bring a Jacket every Monday.

Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Ada & Mrs. Briget

CLASSROOM #4 UNDER THE SEA

In February, our weekly themes will be “Down on the Farm”, “Spinach”, “All Shapes and Sizes”, and “Clothes for My Body”. We will continue to work toward preparing students for Kindergarten as it is fast approaching by practicing letter recognition and letter sounds throughout the day with play! We will also work on number recognition and pairing a numeral with a quantity. We will continue with our “Friendship Jar” to encourage students to be a good friend to each other. We celebrate sharing, turn taking, using nice words, playing together, giving hugs, etc. In Second Step, we will also be discussing fair ways to play, having fun with friends, and inviting someone to play with you! We look forward to meeting with you at the home visits this month and discussing your child’s progress on a more individual level. Also, please remember we would love to have some volunteers in our classroom! Nothing would make us or your child happier than spending some time with us during the day! If you are not available, feel free to invite a family member that may be instead. Thanks for letting us love your babies everyday! ~

Ms. Amanda and Ms. Mary

CLASSROOM #5: JUNGLE BUDDIES

We are excited. the timing to go to kindergarten is closer and we are focusing on many skills our children need to be ready for the next level. Parent please on your way home count with them 1 to30. When you go out and see words ask them for the beginning sound . We are talking all the time about compound words. We are asking for math addition and subtraction. Use cookies during snack time and give some and ask how many and if they have more or less. We are aware of how fast the day goes by and the many responsibilities we all have but a conversation with our kids can take place at any time. We appreciate all your efforts to do home activities and coming to our monthly meetings. Let’s build our children strong together!!!

Mrs. Bethzaida & Ms. Monica

Policy Council update for January 2018

The January Policy Council Meeting was held on Thursday, Jan. 25th at Lake Sumter State College in Leesburg. Twelve policy council members, including MFCS Board Liaison, Evone Jackson, were present. Eight staff members were present.

Heidi Rand, Director of Early Learning Programs, stated that the Head Start budget information indicates no concerns.

Jeff Heyne, Quality Assurance Manager reported the overall attendance percentage for last month was 84.91%.

The following reports were approved:

Budget, Credit Cards, Enrollment/ Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Areas and Centers. Parent Activity requests for Brooksville/Hernando and Coleman were approved. New hires for the following positions were approved:

Hernando: Teacher in Brooksville/Hernando ; Hernando: Substitute Teacher ; Hernando: Teacher in Spring Hill; Volusia: Extended day staff at Oakridge center ; Volusia: Substitute at Jo Sheppard ; Volusia: EHS Teacher at Malloy; Volusia: Family Advocate at Port Orange center ; Volusia: Center Aide in Volusia County ; Volusia: Teacher Assistant at EVEC ; Volusia: Teacher Assistant at Blue Lake ; Volusia: Nutrition Services Coordinator in Volusia County

Amy Thomas, Deputy Director of Children's Services, presented the Disability Services Policy and Procedures which were amended to reference the Early Head Start children. Jeff Heyne led a review of the new Selection Policy and Procedures and spoke about the Project Spotlight Policy and Procedures. A project spotlight ensures that all identified needs are met before a child is placed in a classroom. Every department signs off stating that the child is ready to start. Lastly, Heidi Rand presented the Impasse Procedure. The procedure is established to resolve any internal disputes.

Amy Thomas presented the updated School Readiness Goals. The updates include the addition of Language and Literacy Development, to support our ESL (English as a second language) children. A Spanish version of the goal sheet is available.

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Meeting call to Order @2:15 – by Chairperson Ms. Evelina Graham

Old Business - Minutes read from last meeting Ms. E. Graham

Classroom # 5 – Performed doing the number rock for parents

New Business –

Transition Meeting for Kindergarten Parents 2/22/18 @2:15

No School - Holiday - President's day – 2/19/18

Extended day letters due Feb 23rd 2018

Library Trip – Feb 2nd & 9th

Home visits will start March 1st

Federal Review–Feb12th–16th2018

Picture Day in Spring – Date TBD

Parents voted on Tie Dye shirts for Annual Parent Activity – \$5:00 per child. Date to be decided tentatively it is April.

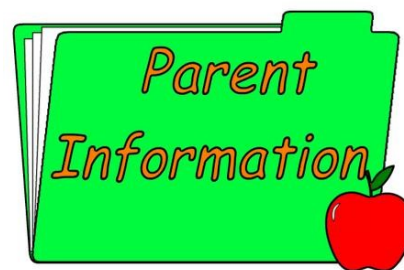
Announcements – Reminder about VP for the next school year.

FA- Ms. Janet Ali and Ms. Alicia Graham

Parents were reminded to call in when their child is absent and to update all personal info such as Phone numbers, new address and pick up list. Most of all we thank you for your support with Perfect Attendance and volunteering in the classrooms.

Next Parent Meeting February 26th 2018 - @ 2:15

Adjournment 3:00 pm



Perfect Attendance for January

Classroom 1

Ze'Onna Lyons
Janiece McIntosh
Caleb Savage
Ky'Lei Shropshire

Classroom 2

Deandre Ross
Taliayh Walker

Classroom 3

Patrick Bishop
Wy'Niecia Noorwood
Jonas Paschal
K'Lynn Reed

Classroom 4

Journey King
Kelynd Smith

Classroom 5

Ra'mya Hardy
Axel Mencias-Castro
Logan Njele
Sh'Rhia Owens
Amarion Palmer
Charles Paschal
Jazmin Vazquez Segura
Trinity Walker
Ma'Rhiya Williams

Perfect 
Attendance!