



EVEC November Newsletter

**The Parent Meeting is November 20th
at 2:15 pm**

Early Release:

*Nov. 29

Important Dates:

*No School Nov 10

Veterans Day

* Nov. 22-24

Thanksgiving Holiday

Family Involvement:

*Nov. 20 @ 1:30

Policy Council Meeting:

*Nov. 16

From the Desk of: Crystal Hill, CDS

The Importance of Play

It is generally through play that a preschool child learns about the world around them and then assimilates what they have learned into their concept of reality.

Preschool children enjoy three different forms of play: physical, manipulative, and symbolic.

Physical play: refers to activities that involve use of the muscles. These include running, hopping, jumping, climbing, throwing, sliding, and play-ing with a ball.

Manipulative play: refers to ac-tivities by which a child learns to gain better control over her environment. These activities include the use of puzzles and building blocks (which also require some physical play skills) as well as games that involve social manipulation ("What can I do to make Daddy come to me?").

Symbolic play: involves manipu-lation of events and objects. These play activities would include the use of fantasy; pretend play, and nonsense rhymes. In symbolic play, a child can change events, identities and emo-tions for the sake of her play, thereby gaining more complete control over her newly created world.

Because young children enjoy play, it becomes a very natural way for them to learn about themselves and about the world in which they live. As children grow and change, play develops with them according to a developmental sequence.

So when you come into your child's classroom, you will see them involved in centers and "playing," but remember there is a lot of learning going on. The teachers are working hard to prepare your child to be successful in their future endeavors.

Parent Conferences will start Nov 1st!

**Please sign up with your child's
teacher today!**



Thankful

FAMILY ADVOCATE'S CORNER

Happy Thanksgiving to all our dear families! The Holiday Season is fast approaching. You can almost smell the cookies and pies and all the goodies we love to eat around this time off the year. Take the opportunity to make happy memories with your children. Choose simple recipes and allow your child to assist with measuring and counting the ingredients. You can do the same with crafts and ornaments.

Remember to update your child's shots and physicals. We need your input and participation at Parent Meetings. Please keep us informed of any changes of Address, Phone #, and custody issues. If you have any questions or concerns call your Advocates

Janet Ali @ 386-323-7115 or Alicia Graham @386-323-7114



CLASSROOM #1: THE SUPER HEROES

Greetings from classroom #1 The Super Hero's. Can you believe it, 2017 is almost over. We are so proud of the progress our children have been making. The majority of our children know how to write their first and last names, can recognize and spell their last names. They are doing a great job with rote-counting past 25, with sorting and classifying, as well as other math skills. This month we will continue working on sorting, patterns, seriation, order and working on pairs. We will be learning about money and its value. We will continue working with them on our Second Step Curriculum which will focus on learning how to tell how someone is feeling, dealing with anger and same/different feelings. Our themes for next month will be "Fall is Fun, A is for Apple, and Giving Thanks which will consist of different learning activities and corresponding crafts. With the change of weather, we ask that you switch out your child's clothes and make sure they have a sweater or light jacket. Remember our day starts at 8:05 if you can do your best to get them here on time as this is our learning time and dismissal is at 2:05. Thank you for your continued support

Ms. Kenya & Mrs. Lorri



CLASSROOM #2: INSIDE OUT

Welcome to our classroom,

In the month of November will be learning about the Seasons all around us. We will be talking about the weather, different season, and how they affect our environment. Each week we will be learning a different letter, number, color, and shape in our class. We also encourage families to come out and join in our family involvement activities each month. This month for our nutrition activity we will be making Crook neck squash salad for the children to taste. We would like to encourage parents to join us in our classroom to volunteer to get an idea of your kids are working on. Parents please join in on our parent meeting at the end of each month to learn about upcoming events that may be happening at our center, or in our program. Thank you for all your support and cooperation.

Ms. Kathryn & Ms. Danna

CLASSROOM #3: THE SHINING STARS

In classroom 3, we are so excited about November month. We will be learning about the 4 Seasons and weather. We continue our Second Step program on Different feelings. We will also work on letters Vv, Ww, Xx, numbers one to five, shapes and colors. In our nutritional curriculum will be learning about squash and its taste.

During the month of October we reviewed the following letters, Ss, Pp, Oo and Tt. We are also worked on the numbers 0 to 5. Thank you for your support and we love having your children in our classroom. We look forward to seeing you at our monthly Parent Meeting.

Thanks,

Ms. Ada and Ms. Briget.



CLASSROOM #4 UNDER THE SEA

In November, we will be learning about fall/autumn, apples, and giving thanks. We will continue to work on letters and phonological awareness, including beginning sounds and rhyming words. Also, we are still practicing classroom rules and expectations. Feel free to discuss the classroom rules and daily schedule with your child to see if they understand what is expected. We are reading stories daily and discussing what happened in the book. Please do this with your child at home to improve reading comprehension for kindergarten. In second step, we are continuing to work on using your words when you become upset to help others understand what you need and want. Thank you for calling us in the morning to let us know if you are going to be late, so we can get your child a hot breakfast. This has helped our mornings become so much smoother! We love seeing your child every day, and thank you for their attendance.

Thanks,

Ms. Amanda & Ms. Mary



CLASSROOM #5: JUNGLE BUDDIES

During this month we are going to ask children what kind of celebrations and traditions their family do for **Thanksgiving**. **We are planning to do a placemat which will be laminated and will be one of your child's memories. This time you will bring a picture, drawing, card or note that you want to be on the Thanksgiving placemat. Please give it to us as soon as possible.** This month we will teach children the changes during Fall/ Autumn season. Share with us any story you will think children will be interested to hear; write down and send it to school. Please be free to ask us for anything you may have questions concerning your child's education. We are here to help our Families. Thank you for calling when your child is coming late. Ask your child if he/she knows what is a **ukulele**?

Thank you again, your Teaching Team Mrs. Bethzaida and Mrs. Monica

Policy Council update for November 2017

A mandatory **Policy Council training** was held on Thursday, October 26th at 9:30am at Lake Sumter State College in Leesburg. The **October Policy Council meeting** started at noon on this date immediately after the mandatory training. Eighteen 2017-18 policy council members were present. Two of the eighteen members in attendance were alternate policy council members. Voting during this meeting was limited to official policy council representatives and alternates from sites that were not represented at the meeting.

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

Policy Council officers for 2017-18 were elected. The new officers are Chairperson - Jonathan Martinez (*Volusia*); Vice-Chairperson- Sheila Ramos (*Volusia*); Secretary - Pat Nohr (*Volusia*); Policy Council Liaison- Jacob Raby (*Hernando*).

Candidates for the following vacancies have been approved for hire: Early Head Start Teacher at Oak Ridge Site (*Volusia*); Teacher Assistants at Coleman (*Volusia*), Port Orange-2 (*Volusia*), Blue Lake Elementary (*Volusia*); Child Development Specialist (*Hernando*) ; Education Manager (*Hernando*, *Sumter* and *Volusia* counties).

Heidi Rand, Director of Early Learning Programs, advised the Policy Council of a recent Information Memorandum from the Office of Head Start that provided guidance for opportunities for programs to respond to the needs of recent hurricane victims. She also reminded the Policy Council of the Parent Activity Fund amount of \$5 per child and discussed the details of the permitted use of the funds.

Budget training will be conducted during the November Policy Council meeting by the Chief Financial Officer of Mid Florida Community Services, Kris Bates.

The School Readiness Committee will meet on Nov. 15th.

Due to the holidays, the November and December Policy Council meetings will be earlier than the regularly scheduled meeting date. The November meeting will be held on November 16th. The December meeting will be held on December 14th. Each of these meetings will be conducted via video conference. Participants will meet at the conference room of the administrative office closest to their county.

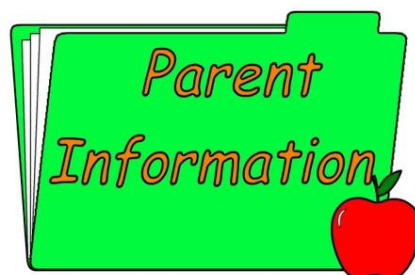
The program specialist from the Head Start Region IV Office will be visiting our program in November 14th – 17th.

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY OCTOBER 23, 2017

Meeting was called to order @ 2:15 by Evelina Graham. Ms. Crystal welcomed the parents and introduced Ms. Francine from Reading Pals who spoke to the parents about the importance of early reading. Ms. Francine also gave stats on the high percentage of illiteracy rate of children who did not practice reading by the third grade. Parents received books to read with their children and other info from United Way. This month Classroom #2 performed "I am the Boss of my Body" by Choosy. Ms. Crystal discussed:

- The importance of regular attendance
- 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 10th
- In-Service Day : Wednesday Nov. 22nd
- Extended day letters due – Nov. 21st
- Family Engagement Activity – TBD
- Parent Conferences start Nov 1st
- FA shared Money Smart info on Seasonal Financial Planning.
- Ms. Kathy updated parents on the lesson plans
- Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm



Perfect Attendance for October

Classroom 1

Journey King
Ze'Onna Lyons
Cornell McKenny
Caleb Savage
Ky'Lei Shropshire

Classroom 2

Tolbert Alexander
Se'Maj Henderson
Taliayh Walker

Classroom 3

Lazaria hayes
Jonas Paschal

Classroom 4

Ivy Gervin
Aaron Lingard
Malvin White
Taylor Wiley

Classroom 5

Jeyden Arzuaga Davila
Axel Mencias-Castro
Logan Njele
Trinity Walker
Modesty White
Ma'Rhiya Williams

Perfect 
Attendance!