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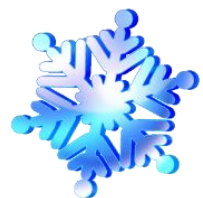
JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back & Happy 2018!

From the Desk of: Jennifer Tinstman, CDS

It is amazing how quickly we have reached the New Year! I hope you had a wonderful break!! We are happy to see all your smiling faces back at school. We wish you all a Happy New Year 2018 and look forward to all the exciting events to come throughout the rest of the school year. As studies show it is important for children to stick to a routine so it is important that we all get back to our daily schedule so that the children continue to move forward in their learning. They have made so much progress since the school year began. Thank you in advance for continuing to make school attendance a priority.

As January begins, I wish all of you a happy & healthy year ahead! When thinking about New Year's resolutions, please make school participation and family involvement one of your priorities. Your school family and your child(ren) will be very happy for your involvement and support.



Teacher Report



Classroom 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Hard to believe another year has gone by and we are now going to be saying "2018." Wow! I hope everyone had a great holiday and wish you all the best for the New Year. Hopefully we have had a little time to relax and slow down a bit as we are coming out of the very busy month of December. We will have some fun themes to talk about in the month of January which will include "I love Animals," "Animals we know," and "Animals on land and Sea." We will continue to work on our letters and beginning and ending sounds, practice our writing skills; identifying numbers and enhancing our cognitive skills through our many readings, and continue to develop social skills through the use of our Second Step Curriculum and enjoy learning through play as we enjoy getting physical fit through our choosey songs. We will prepare for our transition into kindergarten for those children who will be moving on.

We would like to thank all parents/grandparents that participated in our Christmas Family Engagement activity for the month of December. As always, any questions and/or concerns feel free to talk to us.

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Mrs. Stephanie / Mrs. Laura

Classroom 2

Happy New Year!!! In December we worked on letter **F** and reinforced the letters **S, T, U, O, X, Y, P, and W.** We worked on Holidays around the World and how other cultures celebrate holidays. The children are working on Math, uses one to one correspondence when counting objects. We working on "*we feel feelings in our bodies*" identified worry as an uncomfortable feeling. We will be reinforcing the shapes, colors, and patterns. For nutritional activity the children learn about Cantaloupe. The next theme will be Animals Everywhere, Pet, wild, and farm animals.

Happy Holidays to you and your Family!

Ms. Ada and Ms. Stephanie





Classroom 3

Happy New Year!! We are so excited to see you .We hope you had a wonderful and joyous Holiday. We are looking forward to starting off this year with many fun and exciting topics like Animals Everywhere, Construction Zone and more nutrition activities. We will also be working on more holiday craft as we learn how children in other countries celebrate the holidays. Thanks to those parents who came to the parent meeting and our family engagement activity last month. We hope that all of our parents get involved and be a part of your child's learning at this beginning stage .Thanks for all you do in making this time special and educational for your children. Let us continue to work together to make this the best year ever!

Mrs. Gaynell & Ms. Deborah

Classroom 4

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas Holiday and a Happy New Year!! As we enter 2018 we hope all of our students are ready to get busy moving and learning. The first couple of weeks, we will be reviewing our classroom rules and discussing what behaviors is appropriate for the classroom. We will be reviewing letters and letter sounds that the students learned before the New Year, as well as other basic concepts we have learned. We will be working on number recognition and counting 20 or more objects. Our themes for the month of January will be Winter Carnival, Building in Our City and Let's Go for a Ride. We will be learning about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the impact he had on our community. Please remember to review all basic concepts (Ex. numbers, shapes, colors and letters) at home with your child.

Ms. Keyanna / Mrs. Katherine





From the FA's Desk

Ms. Ruth Roberts

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FINANCIAL RECOVERY

Christmas is over! Therefore let's begin by enjoying the New Year and getting organized financially. We need to chive our goals. We will share with you goals to financial recovery. There is no need to aim for perfection when it comes to improving our financial situation.

1st Define your Goal-Determine where you want to go financially. Be specific. You must be clear.

Be attainable. Challenge yourself that stretches your comfort zone without being out of reach.

Be realistic. Set a goal by giving yourself a deadline without the mentality of wishful thinking.

2ⁿ Develop a plan-Develop a plan that bridges the gap between where you are now and where you want to be.

3^r Take Action.

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Because a plan for financial recovery is nothing more than a wishful thinking until it's converted into action!

Policy Council update for December 2017

The **December Policy Council meeting** was held on Thursday, December 14th at 10am via video conference. A quorum was established. Eleven policy council members were present. Twelve staff members were present.

The **following reports were reviewed and approved:** *Budget, Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Areas and Centers.* *Parent Activity requests* for Bushnell and Spring Hill were approved.

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

Hernando: Substitute Teacher in Brooksville/Spring Hill

Hernando: Part-time Early Head Start Teacher

Hernando: Early Head Start Teacher

Hernando: Head Start Teacher III

Hernando: Head Start Teacher V in Spring Hill

Volusia: Floating Early Head Start Teacher at Oakridge

Volusia: Center Aide Substitute for Volusia County

Mid Florida Community Services Finance Officer - Diane Berube, conducted a **budget training**. The highlights of the training included the various program related budgets (Head Start, Early Head Start, VPK and USDA) that are reviewed monthly, how to read the budget reports and the different budget periods. It was noted that the cost per child expense for Early Head Start is higher than the cost for a Head Start child. VPK instruction, totaling 3 hours a day, is provided in designated locations. The USDA budget is developed based on the number of meals served in the prior year.

Child Development Specialist-Jennifer Fowler, led an **information session on the Galileo Curriculum** which included accessing and navigating Galileo on their computer. Each parent was reminded that a personal Galileo password has been established for them and a magnet was given out earlier in the year for parents to write their personal password on. This magnet can be placed on the refrigerator for quick reference. Parents were encouraged to access Galileo regularly to access their child's profile which includes the following: information about what their child *has learned*, what their child is *ready to learn* and activities parents can do with their children at home to support the development of new skills.

Deputy Director of Children's Services - Amy Thomas, presented the **Child Outcomes Analysis Report**. She explained that these reports help identify if children are making developmental gains. The report consists of two different scores: baseline (starting point) and gains (progress). The goal is for each child to have a 50 point increase from the time they started the program to the end of the school year.

Director of Early Learning Programs - Heidi Rand, reported that a **Federal Monitoring Review** will take place the week of **February 12th, 2018**. Parents are encouraged to discuss any program concerns about their center, with their Family Advocate or Child Development Specialist before that time. The review will consist of classroom observations using the *CLASS* (Classroom Assessment Scoring System) tool, review of program data records, health and safety checks, interviews of policy council members and staff. Policy Council meetings are held the 4th Thursday of each month, unless rescheduled due to holidays. The **next meeting** will be held on January 25th @ 10am. It will be a face-to-face meeting at Lake-Sumter State College in Leesburg, FL.