



Holly Hill Head Start

Another wonderful Preschool year is underway at Head Start!

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! We hope you had a restful and refreshing summer break. We would like to welcome all of our returning families this year and give a special greeting to those families who are joining us here at Head Start for the first time.

My name is Jennifer Tinstman, and I am the Child Development Specialist or CDS for your child's center. Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns at any time, 386-235-4480, jtinstman@mfc.us.com. I look forward to meeting each of you, if I have not already done so, at an upcoming center event or parent meeting.

Working together with you, we can build a positive and nurturing environment where your children will learn and grow as they explore and discover the world around them. Together as a team, we are partners in making our preschool a fun place for your children to come that encourages them to learn and develop at their own pace. I thank you in advance for your help in working with us to provide the best learning experience possible for the children.

It is great to see the children's happy faces every day at school. Please remember that attendance is very important to your child's successful learning experience and we hope to see your child at school each and every day. You can help to stress the importance of being at school each day with your child by making excellent attendance a priority at this young age which will lead to lifelong positive attitudes about school and learning.

We are all looking forward to enjoying a wonderful school year together!

Attend today Achieve Tomorrow



CLASSROOM'S OBJECTIVES



Classroom 1

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome to classroom #1. We will be “Wild About Learning”! We would like to thank you for entrusting us with your child. They have transitioned from home to school with ease. They are making new friends, and most of all becoming comfortable with our school environment. Your child will have lots of learning opportunities as we open up with our Theme “Welcome to School” and Introduce our 2nd Step Lessons to develop Social-Emotional skill. We will also introduce our Grow it, Try it, Like it curriculum as we encourage healthy eating as we grow our own fruits/vegetables. In the process of learning we will have lots of fun!!! We are excited that you have allowed us to be a part of your child’s educational journey. Always know that our doors are always open for any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to talk to us so that we can make a plan that everyone is at ease with.

Always remember you are your child’s first teacher!!

Important Information: Please make sure to check your child’s mailbox daily for important information. Also make sure you send a change of clothing and check to make sure they take blankets home every Friday.

Mrs. Stephanie/Mrs. Laura



Happy Birthday:

Mrs. Stephanie- 9/1

Payton- 9/6

Alex- 9/7

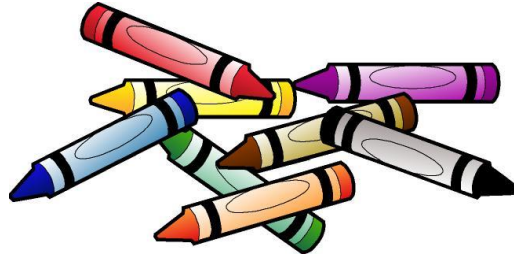
Tylanyjha- 9/11

DaMonne- 9/12

Rhea- 9/19

Kamora- 9/26





Classroom 2

Dear Parents:

Welcome to our classroom! This year we are going to do wonderful things that are going to help to improve your children developmental skills. The children developmental skills include the following areas: Social-Emotional, Cognitive-Perceptive, Physical-Motor, Language and Creativity. We are going to use the Houghton- Mifflin, Galileo Curriculum and Second Step. During August, we are going to do activities about “me”, school concepts, friendship and the importance of listening. It is very important to us the good communication, respect and team work with the parents. Remember to always review learning skills at home and to do the home activities each month. See you in our classroom. Until next time...

Mrs. Rivas/ Mrs. Sue





Classroom 4

It has been a great first few weeks getting to know your children and each and every one of you. . Our main curriculum is Galileo. The children are also learning to work together and solve problems amongst one another; they are learning how to deal with their feelings through our Second Step Curriculum which is how to teach young children about Social and Emotional concepts. The children are adjusting well to our routine and being in school, we are looking forward to a wonderful year working with each and every one of you.

Important Information: We start our meeting time at 8:00 am and it is important that your child is here for this, this is an important time of the day, we will be discussing our plans for the day, doing Second Step, and have open discussions which are an important part of learning and working together. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the teachers.

Ms. Sharonda/Mrs.Karla



Happy Birthday:

Ana- 9/8

Rose- 9/19





FROM FA'S DESK



We want to say **WELCOME** to our returning and new families!!!

We are hoping that we have a successful school year. In doing that, we need for the parents to update us on any changes in the household including addresses and phone numbers. For your child's safety please remember to have all of their lead/hemoglobin screenings done, dental records updated as well as immunizations. Parents if you have not filled out an immunization form, please do so.

Immunizations help prevent dangerous and sometimes deadly diseases. To stay protected against serious illnesses like the flu, measles, and pneumonia, adults need to get their shots – just like kids do.

Holly Hill FA

Mrs. Chelene (386)-238-8455

Policy Council Update – August 2018

The August Policy Council Meeting was held on Thursday, August 23rd. Members participated via video conference from the administrative office in their county. Six policy council members were present. Eight staff members were present. Policy Council members who could not attend the meeting were contacted to obtain their approval or disapproval on voting items.

The following reports were approved: Budget, Credit Cards, Meals and Snacks, Service Areas and Centers. Details of the approved Enrollment/Attendance Report included the following: The average daily attendance of nine Early Head Start classrooms in Volusia County was below 85% in July 2018 due to family travel or illness.

Heidi Rand, Director of Early Learning Programs, advised the Policy Council members that our agency will return any unused Early Head Start grant funds for the current program year to the federal government. The unused funds were originally identified for expenses related to opening Early Head Start classrooms. Several unavoidable factors temporarily delayed the opening of these classrooms. The classrooms are expected to be opened in 2018-19. The return of the funds will not affect the amount of our Early Head Start grant award for the next program year.

New hires for the following positions in Volusia County were approved: 3 Family Advocates, 1 Community Outreach Coordinator, 4 Early Head Start teachers and 1 substitute teacher.

New hires for the following positions in Hernando/Sumter Counties were approved: 1 Family Advocate, 1 Early Head Start teacher, 1 Head Start teacher and 1 part time Extended Day teacher.

Policy council members were asked to encourage parents at their sites to consider Policy Council participation. A special request for Policy Council members to help recruit more children and families was also made.

The next Policy Council meeting is scheduled for 9:30am on Thursday, September 27th at Lake Sumter College in Leesburg.

PARENTS REMINDERS

- *Please remember to take blankets home at the end of the week (Friday).*
- *Early release every Wednesday*
- *School starts at 8:00a.m. and ends at 2:00p.m.*
- *No School September 3, 2018 (Labor Day) and
No School September 17, 2018 (In-Service)*
- *Parent Meeting: TBA*

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Classroom Phone: (386) 238-5333 or
(386) 238-8670 (classroom 4)

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CDS: Jennifer Tinstman

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