



## Indian River Head Start January, 2017

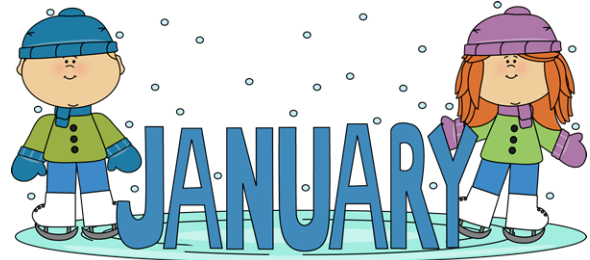


From the Desk of: Jennifer Tinstman, CDS  
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### Welcome Back!

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 2017 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 one of your priorities. Your school family and your child(ren) will be very happy for your involvement and support



### Important Dates:

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| <b>1/4</b>  | Classes Resume          |
| <b>1/16</b> | No School: MLK Birthday |
| <b>1/18</b> | Parent Meeting 9 AM     |

**Stay tuned for Family Engagement**

**Activity! It is in the works!**



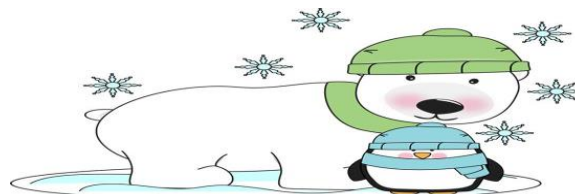
We hope that you and your family had a fabulous Winter Break. We are so excited to be back with your children!

We are beginning the year learning All About Animals. We will begin with animals that are considered pets. We will move on to animals that live on farms or in zoos. We will conclude with animals in the wild.

Our new alphabet letters will be F, A, and Z. We will learn the beginning letter sounds as well as words that begin with that letter. In math, we will compare and contrast items, sort objects by one or more attributes, classify objects into categories, and as always, count and make sets of objects.

Please take the time to check your child's backpack every day for information we send home. Some items need your immediate attention and/or signatures. We are also in our colder months, so your child needs a complete change of clothing appropriate for the colder weather.

Mrs. Hurley, Ms. Ward, Ms. Fenner, Ms. Seeley



FA Corner:

Happy New Year to All!! Welcome back Students and Parents! My name is Julyette Santiago and the new Family Advocate for Indian River and Chisholm Head Start, before starting work here I was 5 years in Malloy Head start as a Family Advocate. Now I am very happy to be working for you all here in this side. Please remember our first Parent Meeting of the New Year will take place on January 18, 2017 @ 9:00 am . Also a friendly reminder there will be no school on January 16th is Martin Luther King Day.

Please remember that as we are getting used to the colder mornings and nights that the temperatures throughout the day fluctuate. Please try to dress your children in layers so that they will be comfortable throughout the day. Also, please remember to exchange their set of clothes here at the school to warmer items. Thank you to all for getting your children here on time, calling in sick when they are out, letting us know if they will be late, picking them up on time, and helping to keep our attendance record on the high end. I hope this continues into the New Year. We all must be doing something right if the children love being here and we sure do love having them here. Best wishes to you all for a Great New Year.

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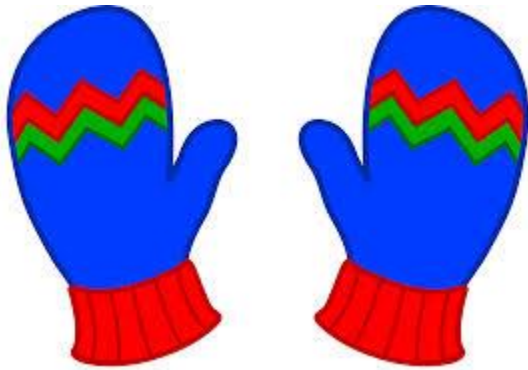


#### Minutes from Parent Meeting 12-14-16 Indian River.

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM. Sarah opened the Meeting as Meagan was unable to be there. Items talked about were the Field Trip to Chisholm and how the kids had a lot of fun. Ms Karen took a lot of pictures and will post them on the parent Facebook page with parent's permission. We were unable to vote on a new Secretary to take the minutes. Items also talked about were the upcoming weather changes and how parents need to bring different types of clothing. Sarah also reminded parents to put socks in with the clothing as well. She spoke about the Winter Break starting on December 20th at the end of the day and when children return to school on January 4th and that is also an early release day. December 20th is also our Parent involvement day it is Pajama day. The activity will be from 12:30 to 1:30 PM. Parent activity is still being talked about and parents are working on deciding what they want to do. Mr. Michael spoke about the Policy Council meeting and how there were new hires, and new policies that were approved as our President and or Vice president did not attend the meeting. Mr. Davis explained that the Parent activity could be used to help parents work and do activities with their children. Julyette, our new Family Advocate,

was introduced and she reminded parents to update their shots, and Physicals. January 18th is our next parent meeting at 9:00 AM. She also reminded parents to update phone numbers and addresses, and their contact lists. She explained the importance of updating the information. Sarah gave tips for the Holidays: She said to take updated pictures of what your kids are wearing. And she also stated to remember what shoes they put on their kids. She stated that if a kidnapper takes your child, it takes longer for them to take a child's shoes off and change them than it would be to put different clothing on.

Parent activity ideas were to have a possible Police Safety class, or a Swim class. The parents state because we live around water this might be a great idea. Next Parent Meeting is on January 18th at 9:00 AM



#### **Policy Council update for December 2016**

The December Policy Council meeting was held on Tuesday, December 13th at 10:00 am via video conference. Fourteen policy council members ( 12 parents and 2 community partner members) were present.

The following persons were approved for hire:  
Dawnelle Noles, Program Substitute – Volusia (east side)  
Yeymary Gordian, Center Aide – Coleman Center, Volusia

The following reports were approved: Budget and Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Area and Center. Three parent activity requests were approved.

The Galileo Outcomes Analysis Report and six new educational procedures were reviewed.

The next Policy Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 10 am. It will be a face to face meeting in Leesburg.