

Newsletter Boletín Informativo

Jo Sheppard



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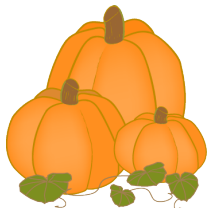
From the Desk of: Rosalyn Figueroa, CDS

As a former pre-school teacher, my job is to help the staff with all aspects of classroom management and provide assurance to parents and Head Start administrators that the classroom is safe, fun, and that we are measurably preparing children to succeed in school. The best part of my job has been getting to know the teachers, who are awesome, and watching the children learn and grow.

The children are encouraged to make choices about the materials they use and the activities they do throughout the day. When you look around in your child's room, you will see that the space and materials are arranged to promote active learning. Each classroom is divided into interest areas organized around specific kinds of play, like blocks, housekeeping, table toys, science and art. In each area, the materials are organized so that children can get them out easily and put them away independently. A daily routine helps children feel secure. They know what happens next. Our daily routine includes time for small and large group experiences, and time for outside play.

If you would like to learn more about it, please ask your child's teacher to walk you around the classroom, or contact me at 386) 523-7634

Rosalyn Figueroa



Important Dates:

Picture day :11/7

No School : 11/10

Family engagement activity: 11/15

Parent meeting: 11/16 5:30-6:30pm

Thanksgiving holiday: 11/22-24
classes resume 11/27



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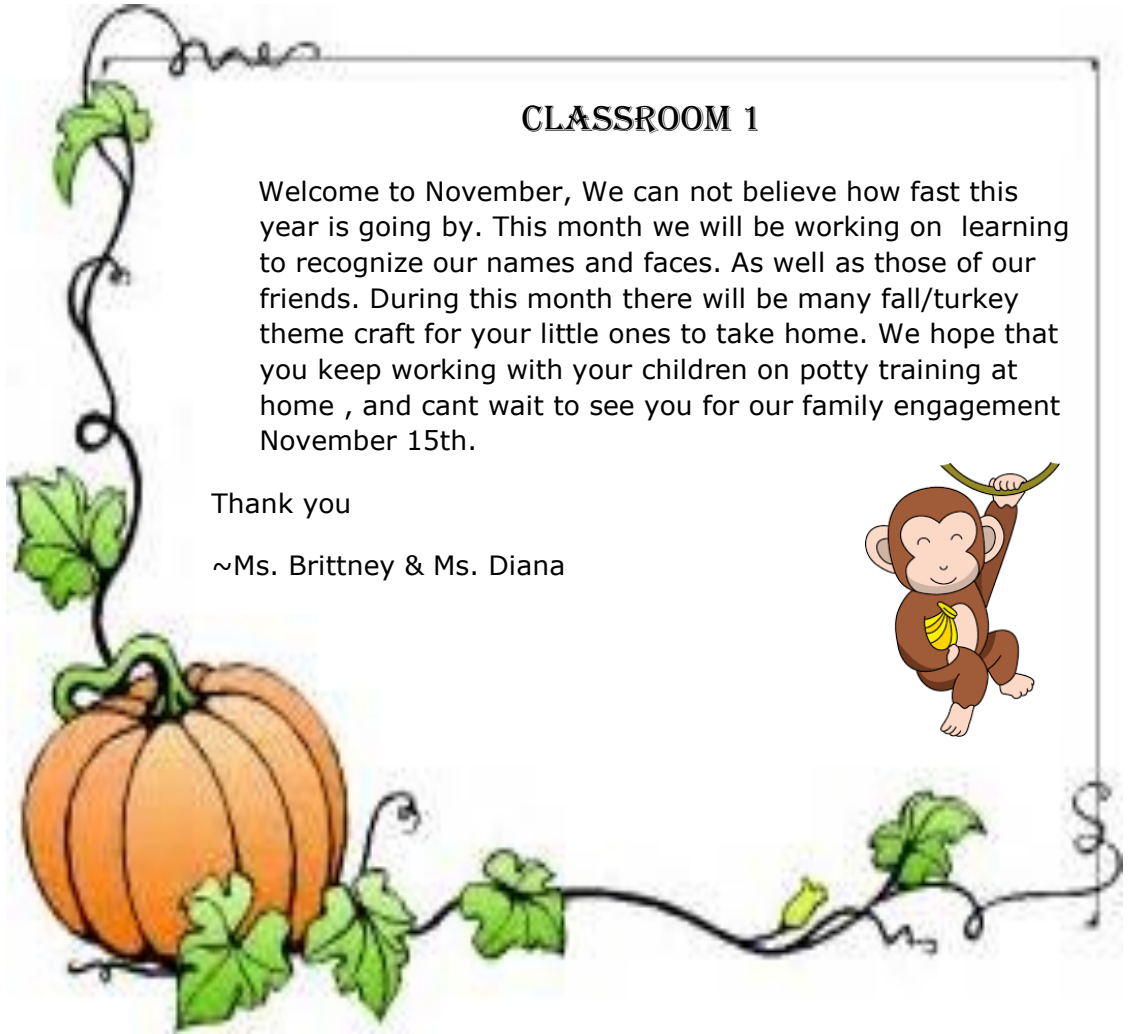
Notes from the Early Head Start team

CLASSROOM 1

Welcome to November, We can not believe how fast this year is going by. This month we will be working on learning to recognize our names and faces. As well as those of our friends. During this month there will be many fall/turkey theme craft for your little ones to take home. We hope that you keep working with your children on potty training at home , and cant wait to see you for our family engagement November 15th.

Thank you

~Ms. Brittney & Ms. Diana



CLASSROOM 2

Dear, parents

We would like to encourage you to update their contact list of the persons you want to allow to pick up your child. Please visit Ms. Carmen, our Family Advocate and she will take care of this. Teachers will not be able to release any child if they are not of the list even though they bring them in the morning. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Another concern, if your child is going to be absent or late please don't forget to call the center.

Ms. Maribel and Ms. Edna



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Classroom 3 News

Welcome Ms. Melissa! We are so happy to have you join us at Jo Sheppard in Classroom 3. Parents please be sure to stop by and introduce yourself to Melissa. Throughout the month of November we will be learning about Moving the Mail Oct. 30-Nov. 3, Nutrition curriculum book about Squash November 6-10, Fall is Fun November 13-17, Give Thanks November 20 & 21, and A is for Apple November 27-Dec. 1. Thank you to all the parents who attended our Family Engagement on October 18th. I hope everyone enjoyed their spider sandwiches. Our next Family Engagement will be on Wednesday, November 15th at 7:30 am. We had a lot of fun with our Head Start Spirit Week dressing crazy and marching in our own marching band parade. Please be sure your child has appropriate extra clothes in their cubbies since the weather is getting a little cooler.

Mrs. Burton & Mrs. Gloria

Classroom 4 News

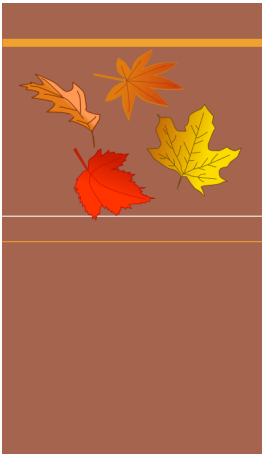
During this month we will learn about the five senses (hearing, sight, touch, taste, and smell). Using the topic "Using My Senses," we will read stories about how people use their senses. You can help your child learn more by talking with her/him about the thing she/he is doing at school and the new letters and words that he/she is learning.

Guessing Game

Play a senses guessing game with your child. For example, say I hear a loud ringing sound. Encourage your child to guess what you are describing. Take turns saying clues that begin I hear _____, I see _____, I taste _____ I feel _____, and I smell _____.

Thanks

Ms. Lizzette & Lorena





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Family Advocate

Dear Parents,

This month we celebrate and thank to Mother Nature for giving and provide us the treasures from the land. The same way, as responsible parents, must promote and teach to our children the values of life; as a result, will provide you respectable children and responsible citizens to the society.

I would like to thanks to all parents for their attendance in our Parent Meeting, Parent Training and Family Engagement Activity with your child; as always, your participation is very important to us.

If you has made any change in your address or phone, please let me know to inform your child's teacher and update your child's file.

Keep updated your child's medical records (Physical, Immunization, Laboratory results, Dental).

Este mes celebramos y agradecemos a la madre Naturaleza por darnos y brindarnos los tesoros que nos da la tierra. De esa misma manera, como padres responsables, debemos cultivar y enseñar a nuestros niños los valores de vida; como resultado, la cosecha les brindará buenos hijos, ciudadanos responsables a la sociedad.

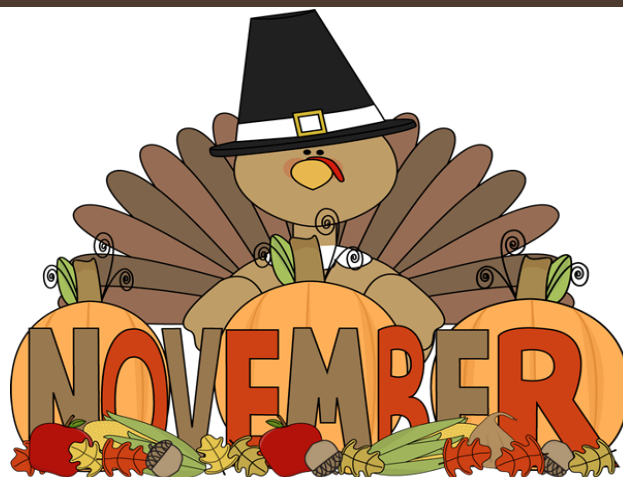
Quisiera agradecer a todos los padres por su asistencia a la primera reunión de padres, entrenamiento educativo, y a las actividades con sus niños; su participación es muy importante para nosotros.

Si usted ha hecho algún cambio de su dirección o teléfono, por favor déjemelo saber para informárselo a la maestra de su niño y también para actualizar el archivo de su niño.

Mantenga actualizado los documentos médicos de su niño (exámen médico, vacunas, resultados del laboratorio, dental).

Carmen Villanueva

Family Advocate/Representante de la Familia





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Policy Council update for October 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.

