



Jo Sheppard Newsletter



MAY 2017

Early Release Days:

05/17 05/24

Salida Temprano:

05/17 05/24

Next Parent Meeting:

May 11th @ 5:00 pm

Junta de Padres:

Mayo 11 @ 5:00 pm

Kindergarten Transition**Meeting:**

May 16th @ 4:00 pm

**Junta Transición de Niños
que van para Kindergarten:**

Mayo 16 @ 4:00 pm

Family Engagement Activity**Classroom #3:**

May 5th @ 7:45 am

Cinco de Mayo Craft

Classroom #2:

May 12 @ 7:45

Mother's Day Craft

Actividad de Padres:**Salón #3:**

Mayo 5 @ 7:45 am

Preparar Maracas 5 de Mayo

Salón #2:

Mayo 12 @ 7:45 am

Crear adorno de Madres

Last Day of School:

May 26th

Último Día de Clases:

26 de mayo

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From the Desk of Dr. Marcy Guddemi

Child Development Specialist

Dear Parents:

We are now heading into our last month of school. Please bring your child every day at 8:00am. Don't be late! Also, don't be early picking your child up. We want your child to be able to learn every minute of our 8am-2pm day! Children need to keep learning all summer long. What can you do? Here are several suggestions for summer learning:

1. Read to your child every day in English and in Spanish, if you know how. Do it several times a day and in different places. Reading a story before bedtime is always nice, but remember, you can pick up a book anytime during the day to read. (Parents, that do not know how to read, can tell a story by looking at the pictures and making it up. This is just as powerful as reading. Use big words that the children might not know; e.g., enormous, solution, magnificent, contradiction.)
2. Make a book. Get paper and put together and staple to make a blank book. Cut picture out of old magazines or draw pictures. Write the story under the pictures.
3. Take your child the library and get a library card. Then you can check out books to take home every week. Most libraries have a PreK reading hour during the week that you can take your child to. The public library should be one of your child's best friends. It is also a cool quiet place to go in the hot summer!
4. Enroll your child in a week or 2-week summer Camp or lessons. There are a lot of choices around: art camps, music camps, sports camps, theatre camps, just all-around-fun camps. There are swimming lessons, music lessons, dance lessons, and karate lessons.
5. Plan family trips to places you haven't gone. There are so many nice public parks and national parks and forests in this area. Talk about everything you see there. Collect sticks, stones, and leaves and make a pattern on the ground. Stick, stone, leaf; stick, stone, leaf; stick, stone, leaf; stick, stone, leaf; etc. See how far you can keep it going. Take paper and markers and draw and write about what you see. Have you been to DeLeon Springs State Park? Have you been to Cape Canaveral National Seashore?
6. Talk, talk, talk. I have mentioned this before, but have CONVERSATIONS with your child. Try to keep it going for at least five exchanges back and forth. Ask probing questions and what if questions. This is so much fun to do. A child's explanation for some phenomenon can be so entertaining and enlightening!

So in closing, enjoy your summer!! It will fly by! Best wishes to those children going on to Kindergarten next fall and we look forward to when our young ones come back for one more year of schooling at Jo Sheppard Head Start!



Desde el Escritorio de Dr. Marcy Guddemi

Especialista en Desarrollo Infantil

Estimados Padres:

Ahora estamos entrando en nuestro último mes de escuela. Por favor traiga a su hijo todos los días a las 8:00 am. ¡No llegue tarde! Además, no busque temprano a su hijo.

Queremos que su hijo sea capaz de aprender cada minuto de nuestro día 8 am-2pm!

Los niños necesitan seguir aprendiendo durante todo el verano. ¿Qué puedes hacer? Aquí hay varias sugerencias para el aprendizaje de verano:

1. Lea a su hijo todos los días en inglés y en español, si usted sabe cómo. Hágalo varias veces al día y en diferentes lugares. Leer una historia antes de acostarse es siempre agradable, pero recuerde, usted puede tomar un libro en cualquier momento durante el día para leer. (Los padres, que no saben leer, pueden contar una historia mirando las imágenes y inventándolas, es tan poderoso como leer, utilice palabras grandes que los niños no conozcan, por ejemplo, enorme, solución, magnífico, contradicción.)
2. Hacer un libro. Obtener el papel y poner juntos y grapas para hacer un libro en blanco. Cortar la imagen de revistas viejas o dibujar imágenes. Escribe la historia debajo de las fotos.
3. Lleve a su hijo a la biblioteca y obtenga una tarjeta de la biblioteca. A continuación, puede comprobar libros para llevar a casa cada semana. La mayoría de las bibliotecas tienen una hora de lectura PreK durante la semana que usted puede llevar a su hijo. La biblioteca pública debe ser una de las mejores amigas de su hijo. También es un lugar tranquilo para ir en el verano caliente!
4. Inscriba a su hijo en una semana o en un campamento de verano de dos semanas. Hay un montón de opciones alrededor: campamentos de arte, campamentos de música, campos de deportes, campos de teatro, sólo todo alrededor de los campamentos de diversión. Hay clases de natación, clases de música, clases de baile y clases de karate.
5. Planee viajes familiares a lugares que no han ido. Hay tantos parques públicos bonitos y parques nacionales y bosques en esta zona. Hable de todo lo que ven allí. Recoger palos, piedras y hojas y hacer un patrón en el suelo. Palo, piedra, hoja; Palo, piedra, hoja; Palo, piedra, hoja; Palo, piedra, hoja; Etc. Vea hasta dónde puede mantenerlo. Tome papel y marcadores y dibuje y escriba sobre lo que ve. ¿Te has alojado en el DeLeon Springs State Park? ¿Te has alojado en el Cape Canaveral National Seashore?
6. Hablar, hablar, hablar. He mencionado esto antes, pero tenga CONVERSACIONES con su hijo. Trate de mantenerlo conversando por al menos cinco y haga preguntas. Esto es muy divertido de hacer. ¡La explicación de un niño sobre algún fenómeno puede ser tan entretenido e iluminador!



Así que para terminar, disfrute de su verano! ¡Se va a ir bien rápido! ¡Los mejores deseos para aquellos niños que van a Kindergarten el próximo otoño y esperando que los más pequeños regresen por un año más de educación en Jo Sheppard Head Start!

Policy Council update for April 2017

The April Policy Council meeting was held on Thursday, April 27th at 9:30 am. It was a face to face meeting at the Holiday Inn Express in Leesburg, Florida. Eleven policy council members (9 parents and 2 community partner members) were present.

Fourteen persons were approved for hire.

Hernando: Rachel Mackey – EHS Teacher, Elsie Burnett – EHS Teacher, Desiree Isnardi – EHS Teachers, Margaret James – EHS Teacher, and Jeananne Wright – HS Teacher

Sumter: None

Volusia: Kishmar Peterson—Family Advocate, Michele Ashley – Compliance Specialist, Carlene Morgan – School Readiness Specialist, Melanie Pridemore – Program Substitute, Lorri Tipper – Teacher Assistant, Caitlyn Festari – Full Time Extended Day Teacher, Angela Merriweather - Teacher, Maribel Maneilla – EHS Teacher, and Ashley Shaffer – Disability Services Specialist

The following reports were approved/accepted: February 2017 Budget, January - February 2017 Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Area and Center.

The MFCS Annual Audit was reviewed by Program Director, Heidi Rand. There were no findings. Policy council members were encouraged to review the document and advised that additional copies could be made available upon request.

A review of the Community Wide Strategic Planning and Needs Assessment was led by Carol Coffie, Assistant Director of Early Learning Programs. The review included the process for data collection and a summary of the 828 survey responses. The top five needs identified by parents include Child Care, Transportation, Employment, Dental Care and Housing.

Policy Council members approved the following revisions to the By Laws:

EHS will have representation on Policy Council

Centers with more than 5 classrooms can have an additional representative on Policy Council

Policy council to meet at least 10 times per year

Policy council members were asked about their training needs. Any future training interests or needs should be sent to Heidi Rand.

Heidi Rand provided the following update about the Early Head Start (EHS) Expansion:

Classrooms at the Jo Sheppard site and the Hernando Head Start site are being renovated and are expected to be completed by mid-June

Additional EHS Classrooms will be renovated and opened later in the program year

EHS training for managers has been scheduled for early May

Training for teachers, family service and health service members is being coordinated for early June.

Attempts are being made to coordinate a CDA credential training for anyone interested in being an Early Head Start teacher

All classrooms at Pathways Port Orange location will become Head Start/ Early Head Start classrooms as of 2017-18 program year.

The following announcements were made:

Applications for Early Head Start and Head Start for 2017-18 program year are being accepted

Week of May 1st is Teacher Appreciation Week

Note of thanks was given to Juan Echezebal, Rocio Renteria and Adelani Adekunle for being a part of interview teams for Early Head Start/Head Start positions

The next Policy Council meeting date will be announced.

Classroom #2 / Salón de Clases #2

The Month of May is going to be full of excitement and fun activities. We will be talking about how we grow and change. We will also learn how the environment changes and grows around us. We will be planting and learning how plants grow and all the benefits we can get from them. We will also be learning how bugs and animals grow and change.

During the Month of May we will be celebrating Mother's Day. The children will be learning songs, making crafts and preparing a small snack to share with their moms. We will also be having our End of the Year Celebration. The children and their families will be meeting to recognize everybody's achievements during this school year.

We cannot believe this year is over, we will be missing everybody. I want to say Thank you to all the moms and dads that in one way or another made our job easier by helping in the classroom, donating time and items, chaperoning in field trips or just being there when we just needed you.

El mes de Mayo va a estar lleno de emocionantes y divertidas actividades. Estaremos aprendiendo de cómo crecemos y cambiamos. También estaremos aprendiendo de cómo el ambiente alrededor crece y cambia. Aprenderemos de los cambios que ocurren en los animales y algunos insectos. Estaremos plantando y aprendiendo de las partes de las plantas.

Durante el mes de Mayo estaremos celebrando el día de Las Madres. Los niños aprenderán canciones, harán manualidades y crearán una merienda para sus mamás. Durante este mes también estaremos celebrando Las Celebraciones de Fin de Año. Ese día reconoceremos a los niños por su esfuerzo y también a aquellos padres que han cooperado durante el año en el salón de su niño.

No podemos creer que este año haya pasado tan rápido. Quiero agradecer a todos los padres que en una forma u otra han cooperado con nosotros, ya haya sido con su tiempo voluntario, de chaperón en los paseos, donando materiales, tiempo o solamente estando ahí cuando se hallan necesitado.

Gracias nuevamente por su ayuda.

Ms Lizzette/Ms. Lorena

Classroom #3 / Salón de Clases #3

We are thankful to all the parents that during this year supported us in our activities. It was a privilege to be the teachers of your children. Our best wishes to those that begin a new school year in Kindergarten.

For the month of May we planned exciting activities: Friday, Cinco de Mayo Celebration and the Family Engagement, Wednesday, May 10th, Family Day Celebration with a Breakfast to Go, Friday, May 12th, Visit Pierson Elementary School, for the first Orientation for Kindergarten, a bus will be available for parents and children. Tuesday, May 16th, Celebration Day is the last Transition Meeting of the children going to Kindergarten. Thursday, May 25th, Water Day.

We are going to continue reviewing Math Concepts, Literacy Concepts, Second Step Concepts Music and Art.

Don't miss any of these events. We expect to see you then.

Estamos más que agradecidos a todos los padres que durante este año nos apoyaron en todas las actividades. Fue un privilegio el haber sido las maestras de sus niños. Nuestros mejores deseos para los que empiezan el nuevo año en Kindergarten.

Para el mes de mayo hemos planeado muchas actividades:

Viernes, 5 de mayo, Celebración Cinco de Mayo, y la Actividad de Familia,

Miércoles, 10 de mayo, Día de la Familia con un Desayuno para llevar,

Viernes, 12 de mayo, visita a la Escuela Pierson Elemental, una guagua estará disponible para los padres y los niños.

Martes, 16 de mayo, Día de Celebración para los niños que van a Kindergarten.

Jueves, 25 de mayo, Día del Agua.

Además estaremos repasando los conceptos de matemáticas, los conceptos apresto, los conceptos de Second Step, música y arte.

No olvide ninguna de estas actividades. Esperamos verles.

Muchas Gracias,

Ms. Joseline y Ms. Maria Eva

Family Advocate

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you to have been part of Head Start Family and give us the opportunity to have your child with us. I wish you and your family to have a safe, healthy, and happy summer vacation!

I would like to thanks to all parents for their attendance in Parent Meeting, Parent Training and Family Engagement Activities with your child; your participation was very important to us.

Please, share your positive experience that your family had with us, the benefits that the child obtained in their education, health, socio-emotional development; other parents may benefit from the free services offered by the Head Start program.

Les quiero agradecer el haber pertenecido a la Familia de Head Start y el habernos dado la oportunidad de tener a su niño con nosotros. ¡Les Deseo a usted y su familia unas vacaciones de verano segura, saludable y con mucha diversión!

Quisiera agradecer a todos los padres por su asistencia a las reuniones de padres, entrenamientos educativos, y a las actividades con sus niños; su participación fue muy importante para nosotros.

Por favor, comparta su experiencia que su familia tuvo con nosotros, los beneficios que obtuvo el niño en su educación, salud, desarrollo socio-emocional; otros padres podrian beneficiarse con los servicios libre de costo que ofrece el programa de Head Start.



Asistencia Perfecta

Classroom #2 / Salón #2

Maria De Jesus Bastidas, Aldo Gonzalez, Nathanael Lorenzo, Christopher Mendoza-Cruces, and Jose Procopio

Classroom #3 / Salón #3

Michelle Hernandez, Evelyn Mancilla, Milagros Mancilla, and Isabella Mancilla

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHILDREN WITH PERFECT ATTENDANCE

FELICITACIONES A NUESTROS NIÑOS CON ASISTENCIA PERFECTA

Our Children at Jo Sheppard / Nuestros niños en Jo Sheppard

