



## Malloy Head Start's February 2017 Newsletter

**Second Step** Through Second Step children learn self-regulation and social emotional competence. The Second Step is divided into five units. The first four are Empathy, Emotion Management, Friendship Skills and Problem Solving. The fifth unit is Transitioning to Kindergarten. For the month of February we have, Valentine's Day. During this time we can model and teach our child about love, friendship, kindness, and inclusion. Being a conscious role model is as important as any other teaching strategy. Show your child the meaning of tolerance and acceptance: what it means to be a good friend, to include others, and to demonstrate kindness.

### **Classroom 1 - Ms. Teal and Ms. Gina**

Hello all, we the Emojis in classroom 1 are very busy continuing learning letters sounds, letter recognition, and print awareness. Our social and emotional skills are still in tack as we learn about how to have fun with friends and inviting others to play. We would like to give a birthday shout to Victoria Marin for Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> and Yanely Jaimez-Sixtos Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> That's all for now!

### **Classroom 2 - Ms. Agustina and Ms. Provi**

Dear Parents, during February, we have our Family Engagement Activity on the 22<sup>th</sup> of the month, and we are playing with shapes to make a Valentine Purse. Please come! Your child will enjoy your company and help.

Our lessons will be: All Shapes and Sizes; Clothes for My Body; and Hats on My Head. Please ask your child about what is he/she is learning, so you can enhance his/her knowledge.

As a reminder, we are sending home every week our 2nd Step Home Links. Please review with your child the new social and emotional skills that are so much needed to be successful in life and education.

Parents make sure your child has an extra set of clothes in case of accidents. Our Florida weather has turned a little bit crazy, so bring a jacket during this time of year. That way your child will have the choice of wearing one if it is too cold.

It's a pleasure for us to be part of your child's life.

Ms. Agustina and Ms. Provi

### **Classroom 3 – Mrs. Elizabeth and Ms. Judith**

During the month of February we will learn about animals that live on land and sea. We will read stories about animals around the world. Our next theme is the Construction Zone. We will learn about building things. Using the topic “I Can Build”. We will read stories about tools, materials, buildings, and construction. Please make sure your child has a change of clothing. We hope to see you at the family engagement.

### **Classroom 4 – Ms. Gisela and Ms. Marianela**

During January we have been learning about animals. We classified animals by the places they live. We also talked about what animals eat. We have been practicing a variety of techniques to calm down and wait our turn. During February we are going to be learning about the sweet potato and we will prepare delicious recipes. We will start learning about construction and how to build things. It will be fun! Come Join US!

## **February Important Dates**

### **Parent Meeting – 24**

### **Family Engagement – 22**



## **From Your Family Advocates**

We would like to invite you to keep participating at the school events. It is very important to support our school community and activities. Parent Meetings are a good way to stay in touch with your child’s school. In these events you have the chance to have an active participation in the decision making that are pertinent to Head Start and our school events. At these events you also have the opportunity to participate in multiple parent trainings, thru the special presentations from invited speakers and it is a perfect time to interact with your child’s teachers, Head Start staff, and Family Advocates. Parent Meetings only take place the last Thursday of every month, at 5:00 PM. Please mark your calendars. Our next parent meeting will be on Tuesday, February 24 at 5:00 PM and the Health Source Clinic Staff from Pierson along with their pediatrician, Dr. Desouza, will be our special speakers.

As always take care of your child dental care and follow ups appointments. Help your child succeed at school with perfect attendance and always count on us, your Family Advocates, to support and guide you thru this fascinating process on achieving your family/personal goals.

We are counting on you!

Together we are a Family!

Best Wishes,

S. Otero & R. Sanchez  
Malloy Head Start Family Advocates.



## From the Desk of Dr. Marcy Guddemi, Child Development Specialist

Did you know that research shows when a child enters Kindergarten, there is a 30 Million Word Gap between children from more affluent homes and children from lower income homes? Children from lower income families heard about 616 words per hour, while those from working class families heard around 1,251 words per hour, and those from professional families heard roughly 2,153 words per hour. This Gap makes a profound difference in future school success.

Children need to be in a language rich environment and hear and use language. That is how they learn words and concepts. One technique to use at home and in the classroom is called Parallel Talk. This is simply narrating what you are doing for your child. "Today for breakfast we are having Cheerio's. First I need to get the bowl and spoon. I open the drawer to find the spoon. I am pouring the cereal into your bowl and now I am pouring the milk on top. I am going to sit down now so we can talk about what is going to happen today..." "Let's clean up. We are putting all the toys in the bucket for now; so that later, we can find them and play with them. One, two, three dolls; one, two, three trucks; etc, into the bucket we go." "Let's go for a walk. First we have to put on our coats. Let's button up; one, two, three, big round buttons. Now, Mommy is putting on her sweatshirt but I have a zipper and I have a hood. It is different from yours." It is so easy to just talk while you are doing things.

The study also pointed out that lower income children did not receive as much praise. Let your

child know when he/she has done a good job. "I like the way you helped me set the table. Thank you so much!" "Good job on brushing your teeth. Now you have chased the bacteria away!" "I love you! You are the best son in the world."

Since Valentine's Day is coming up soon, fall in love with words and talk, talk, talk!







### **Perfect Attendance for December**

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**Room 1:** Sarai Bravo, Kylie Briseno, Jeriell Lesane, Alyssa Medrano-Estrada, Mina Megret, Hendrick Salinas, and Jacob Soliz

**Room 2:** Sheylin Denova Paulino, Marcos Denova, Marco Gonzalez, Aden Luna, and Angel Luna.

**Room 3:** Melissa Castillo Denova, Angel Cosme-Hernandez, Selena Estrada, Alejandro Gonzalez, Fenesis Luna, Hunter Norton, Julian Salinas, and Anthonny Sandoval

**Room 4:** Alfonso Hernandez, Andrea Hernandez, Valeria Palacios Ramirez, Ashley Silva, and Ethan Silva.

### **Perfect Attendance for January 2017**

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**Room 1** Sarai Bravo, Kylie Briseno, Jeriell Lesane, and Cindy Paulino.

**Room 2** Marcos Denova, Angel Luna, Aden Luna, and Matthew Real.

**Room 3:** Isabella Bravo, Melissa Denova Castillo, Angel Hernandez Cosme, Alejandro Gonzales, Hunter Norton, Zaliyah Rubio, and Genis Luna.

**Room 4:** Rey Arreola and Valeria Palacios Ramirez

