



Molloy Head Start's January 2017 Newsletter

It is hard to believe that 2017 is already upon us. December was filled with lots of holiday fun and much learning about the different holidays. We talked about Christmas, Parrandas, Kwanza, Posadas and Hanukkah. This time of year gives us lots of opportunities to talk about how we are alike, yet different. It also gives us opportunities to celebrate those differences by sharing our holidays. We also were very busy practicing for our Holiday celebrations that we hope you enjoyed! January will bring lots more excitement. Many of the classes will continue their journey into winter and snow

Classroom 1

Ms. Teal and Ms. Gina

Hello all, welcome to the new year,! We, The Emoji's, will be starting our new year off with a bang in learning how we build structures that we see in everyday surroundings. We understand that it takes different trucks and material to make this happen. We also will be working on managing our anger within the Second Step program which teaches social and emotional skills. Lastly, we will be expounding on number recognition and learning how to wright them. Have a great new year!

Classroom 2

Ms. Agustina and Ms. Provi

Happy New Year 2017 everybody! We are happy to see you back safe and rested. This is what is ahead of us: we will be learning about where we live, the buildings about us, how to use maps. We will learn about cars, roads, and different ways of transportation. We will also learn about the farm, animals, work, tools, and the food that come from the farm. As always, talk to your child about our themes so you can enhance your child learning. Remember, make sure your child has a change of clothes, and bring a jacket in case the day does not warm up. Please try to make it for Family Engagement activities The teachers and your child will appreciate.

Classroom 3

Mrs. Elizabeth and Ms. Judith

Welcome back! During the month of December we learned about how people celebrate the holidays around the world. In the New Year our theme will be Animals Everywhere. We will be learning about animals we love, animals we know and animals land and sea. Through Second Step we will be learning how to manage anger, manage waiting and fair ways to play.

Please make sure your child has a change of clothing and a warm jacket for when it gets cold. Please join us in the Family Engagement Activities.

Classroom 4

Ms. Gisela and Ms. Marianela

In this month of December we had a lot of fun. We learned about the traditions around the world and how different people and religions celebrate Holidays. We had a Christmas concert with a musician who played his violin. We had the great closing with our party "**The Night Before Christmas**". Welcome to this New Year 2017. In this year we will begin with the theme of "Animals eEverywhere". We will learn about the different animals and about their habitats. We will study the following topics "I Love Animals ", "Animals We Know", and "Animals Land and See." We will finish the month with the nutrition theme "Sweet Potato Hill" USDA.



January Important Dates

Student Holiday – Monday 16

Parent Meeting



From Malloy

Family Advocates

Welcome families to a new and exciting second semester. We are looking forward to working with you to complete a successful School Year. Dental care is very important for our children's health. We encourage you to stay up to date with your child's dental appointments and follow ups. If you have received a Dental Referral please start scheduling the appointment and bring us back the referral completed by the child's dentist as soon as possible. On February 3, 2017, will be having a Special Dental Trip to Daytona State College at Deland Campus. Please check with us if your child was included on this special event.

As part of the services of Head Start we will also following up with some of the health requirement, in your child's file. We will be contacting parents and sending referrals for all missing lead and hemoglobin results.

The Head Start program prepares all children for success at the elementary school level. Therefore poor attendance interferes with every children learning, development, social skills and the classroom daily routine. In order for your child to benefit from Head Start all children must have regular attendance. It is important for you to contact us to

discuss any attendance issue and plans to remedy and help your child success in school. Please contact your Family Advocate for more information.

From the Desk of Dr. Marcy Guddemi

Child Development Specialist

Dear Parents:

Let's make January perfect attendance month for your child! The research on being absent finds that chronic absenteeism in preschool can predict chronic absenteeism in the later grades. Frequent absenteeism puts children at risk for academic underachievement. For example, one study found that about 25 percent of students who were chronically absent in Pre-K and Kindergarten were retained in later grades, compared to only nine percent of their regularly attending peers. Your child is learning important things at Head Start and if he/she is not here, then it is lost learning.

What can you do to help your child stay well so he/she can attend school every day? Washing hands frequently at home is one thing you can do. When children arrive at school, the first thing they do is wash their hands. We also wash hands frequently throughout the day: before breakfast and lunch, after using the restroom, and when returning after outdoor play time. Follow the same routine at home. Have your child wash his/her hands every time you come home, always before each meal or snack, after toileting, and before bedtime.



Washing hands can be fun! Sing, "This is the way we wash our hands, wash our hands, wash our hands. This is the way we wash our hands, all day long!" By the way, the more times you wash your hands, the less chance you have of being sick yourself this season!

Here's to a happy healthy New Year for you and your family!

