

JANUARY



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Hard to believe another year has gone by and we are now going to be saying "2017." Wow! I hope everyone had a great holiday and wish you all the best for the New Year. Hopefully we have had a little time to relax and slow down a bit as we are coming out of the very busy month of December. We will have some fun themes to talk about in the month of January which will include "Classroom management," "Building in Our City, and "Let's Go for a Ride." Homes We Build and Down on the Farm. We will continue to work on our letters and beginning and ending sounds, practice our writing skills; identifying numbers and enhancing our cognitive skills through our many readings, we will continue to ask open ended questions to enhance their communication skills, continue to develop social skills through the use of our Second Step Curriculum and enjoy learning through play as we enjoy getting physical fit through our choosey songs. We will be introducing sight words as we prepare for our transition into kindergarten for those children who will be moving on. As always, any questions and/or concerns feel free to talk to us.



Mrs. Brandi and Mrs. Sue



Perfect Attendance for December

- Ernesto Desantiago Jr.
- Avery Hartley
- Aiden Miles
- Levi Tolbert
- Zoey Walker



Important Dates:

- No School: Holiday 1/ 16
- Parent Activity: Making Snow 1/ @ 12:45pm
- Parent Meeting: 1/ @ 1:15pm

Early Release Days:

- 1/4@1:00
- 1/11@1:00
- 1/18@1:00
- 1/25@ 1:00



Birthdays



1/17: Joshua
1/5: Dario





Welcome Back From the Desk of: Crystal Hill, CDS



It is amazing how quickly the New Year comes and goes. I hope you had a wonderful break! We are already beginning to plan for next year! We are happy to see all your smiling faces back school. We wish you all a Happy 2017 and look forward to all the exciting events to come throughout the school year. As studies show it is important for children to stick to a routine, see the helpful information below.



Toy Safety Shopping Tips: Buy the right toy for the right age child



Ages 3 through 5

Avoid toys that are constructed with thin, brittle plastic that might easily break into small pieces or leave jagged edges.

Look for household art materials, including crayons and paint sets, marked with the designation “ASTM D-4236.” This means the product has been reviewed by a toxicologist and, if necessary, labeled with cautionary information.

Teach older children to keep their toys away from their younger brothers and sisters.

READ THE LABEL....

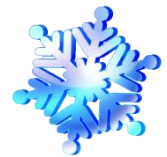


Shopping for toys during the holidays can be exciting and fun, but it can also be frustrating. There can be thousands of toys to choose from in one store, and it's important to choose the right toy for the right age child. Toys that are meant for older children can be dangerous for younger children.

Last year, an estimated 140,700 children were treated in the U.S. hospital emergency rooms after toy-related incidents and 13 children died.



Winter





From the office of: Yvette, Family Advocate

Happy January and Welcome back. Now that the Winter Break has passed, we would like to continue to encourage our families to bring their children to school on time, and to please make sure that you call when your child is going to be late or out. We would also like to congratulate all of our families for their continued participation within the Head Start Program. Please remember that the weather is still quite cool, so please make sure that children have the proper clothing. And if any of your phone numbers and address has changed, please remember to update as this is very important. We look forward to the rest of the Year. Happy New Year and thank you for your participation. Yvette Family Advocate 386-492-6680.



Parent Meeting Minutes

Parent Meeting Minutes: December 7, 16. Jennifer opened the meeting at 1:00 PM. Items discussed were the reading of the last parent meeting. She spoke about updating addresses and phone numbers. She once again asked parents to please call by 8:00 AM if their children were going to be late or sick. She spoke about updating shots and physicals. The upcoming events and Holidays for this month. She spoke about the winter break; school was going to be out Dec 21-Jan 4th. She reminded all parents to please be mindful of the changing weather and to swap out clothing for the upcoming weather. She talked about our first field trip will be on January 20th 2017. It is going to be to the Regional Library to do a tour and a puppet show. She discussed how attendance is key and why it's very important getting your child to school on time.



December Policy Council Update



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.

