



Coleman Head Start Newsletter

September, 2018

Welcome Back to School!

By Jeamary Garcia, CDS

Welcome to another wonderful Preschool year at Head Start!

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year. We hope you had wonderful restful and rejuvenating summer break. We would like to welcome all of our returning families, with a special greeting to those families who are joining us here at Head Start for the first time. Together we'll provide a positive and nurturing environment where your children can learn and grow as they explore and discover the world around them. We are partners together in creating a stimulating curriculum that encourages your children to learn and develop at their own pace. I trust we can work together as a team in providing the best learning experience possible for your children and us!

My name is Jeamary Garcia and I am the CDS (Child Development Specialist) for your child's center, please feel free to contact me at any time. I look forward to greeting each of you at the center at arrival/dismissal times. It is great seeing your child's smiling face every day at school, remember that attendance is very important and we are glad to have your child at school every day. I am looking forward to this school year and am very excited for what it has to bring



ALL ABOARD FOR PERFECT ATTENDANCE

"Please remember if your
child
will not be attending for the
day to call and let your
teachers know."



☺ Labor Day Holiday: 9/03/18

☺ Student Holiday 9/17/2018

☺ Parent Meeting: 9/18/2017 2:15 pm



Family Advocate News

By Migdalia Vega



Dear Parent,

that child's attendance is very important. Please call me and let us know when your child is going to be absent and why. If your child is going to be late please call the teachers @ (386) 774-0730.

Thanks

*Attend Today
Achieve Tomorrow*

Queridos Padres,

que la asistencia es bien importante. Por favor llámeme y déjeme saber si su niño (a) va a estar ausente y la razón. Si su niño (a) va a llegar tarde por favor llame a las maestras al (386) 774-0730.

Gracias,

Migdalia Vega,

Inside Story of Classroom 1

By. Mrs. Keyla Rivera & Mrs. Larryana

Dear Families,

We would like to welcome you back to school! We are ready to begin an exciting new school year full of adventure! This month we have been working with getting to know each other, classroom rules, routines, and transitions. Our themes this month was "All About Me" and "My Family". Students shared things about themselves such as their favorite color, snack, and game to play. Students also talked about their family and shared things they enjoyed doing together. We introduced Second Step and sent home the first

letter explaining what students were going to be learning and how parents can reinforce at home the skills they will be learning at school. In the month of September, we will be learning about Pedestrian Safety, and Community Workers. In Second Step we will be learning about Focusing Attention, Self-Talk, Following Directions, and Asking for things we need/want.

We want to thank all of our families for their support with these first few weeks of school. We have had a great start and are

looking forward to a great year!



Inside Story of Classroom 2

By. Mrs. Mabel & Mrs. Maria Eva

Dear Parents,

Welcome. During this month we are learning about our classroom. We are talking about our feelings, classroom rules, shapes and the letters of our names. Next month we are talking about Family & Community.



Inside Story of Classroom 3

By. Ms. Marlene & Miss Katherine

Dear parents,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to work with your child during this year. This month we want to welcome all our parents and students to this new school year.

We are very happy to be part of your child's life and we look forward to a wonderful year.

September is primarily devoted to getting to know each other and settling in to our classroom routines.

During this month, we will be working on talking about: "All about me", Getting along with others, our Family and Friends. We also have been

working with literacy, help-self skills and socio-emotional skills. and "Pedestrian Safety", Through Second Step we will continue working on Unit 1: Skills for learning this will help your child to build skills that will help him/her to learn. We will also keep working on following rules and routine in the classroom as well as self-hygiene practices.

Please keep reinforcing at home basic academic skills like color, counting, shapes and recognizing their own name.



Inside Story of Classroom 4

By. Mrs. Blanca Maldonado & Ms. Margarita Montes

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to have your family in Head Start for this school year. Our goal is to assist your child in developing the basic skills he or she needs to prepare them for Kindergarten. You are a vital part of this program and much of its success depends on your interest, cooperation and enthusiasm. We would like to take this opportunity to encourage your support and invite you to visit our classroom. Every Monday we will discuss a new lesson from the Second Step curriculum that will be reinforced throughout the rest of the week.

In the month of August, our focus was setting safety rules within the classroom as well as on the playground. We established those safety rules and why we have them. We have been busy

making new friends and learning their names. We're also learning how to follow our daily class schedule. This will be a transitional time in your child's life. It is our responsibility at school to set a classroom environment that will help the children as they grow.

Activities during the month of September will include:

- Gross Motor Skills: body awareness and balance.
- Fine Motor: stages of early writing.
- Introducing colors and shapes
- Counting numbers 1-10.
- The beginning of name recognition.
- Pedestrian safety

To reinforce the concepts taught in the classroom, you may see some of the items listed above sent home as activities. The home activities will be according to your child's needs. Together we can make a difference in the lives of our .



Policy Council UPDATE August 2018

The August Policy Council Meeting was held on Thursday, August 23rd. Members participated via video conference from the administrative office in their county. Six policy council members were present. Eight staff members were present. Policy Council members who could not attend the meeting were contacted to obtain their approval or disapproval on voting items.

The following **reports were approved**: *Budget, Credit Cards, Meals and Snacks, Service Areas and Centers. Details of the approved Enrollment/Attendance Report included the following:* The average daily attendance of nine Early Head Start classrooms in Volusia County was below 85% in July 2018 due to family travel or illness.

Heidi Rand, Director of Early Learning Programs, advised the Policy Council members that our agency will return any unused Early Head Start **grant funds** for the current program year to the federal government. The unused funds were originally identified for expenses related to opening Early Head Start classrooms. Several unavoidable factors temporarily delayed the opening of these classrooms. The classrooms are expected to be opened in 2018-19. The return of the funds will not affect the amount of our Early Head Start grant award for the next program year.

New hires for the following positions in Volusia County were approved: 3 Family Advocates, 1 Community Outreach Coordinator, 4 Early Head Start teachers and 1 substitute teacher.

New hires for the following positions in Hernando/Sumter Counties were approved: 1 Family Advocate, 1 Early Head Start teacher, 1 Head Start teacher and 1 part time Extended Day teacher.

Policy council members were asked to encourage parents at their sites to consider **Policy Council participation**. A special request for Policy Council members to help recruit more children and families was also made.

The **next Policy Council meeting** is scheduled for 9:30am on Thursday, September 27th at Lake Sumter College in Leesburg.