



EVEC November Newsletter

**The Parent Meeting is November
at 2:15 pm**

Early Release:

*Nov. 14

Important Dates:

*No School Nov 12

Veterans Day

* Nov. 19-23

Thanksgiving Holiday

Family Involvement:

*Nov.

Policy Council Meeting:

*Nov.

From the Desk of: Lee Ann Vega, CDS

The Importance of Play

It is generally through play that a preschool child learns about the world around them and then assimilates what they have learned into their concept of reality.

Preschool children enjoy three different forms of play: physical, manipulative, and symbolic.

Physical play: refers to activities that involve use of the muscles. These include running, hopping, jumping, climbing, throwing, sliding, and play-ing with a ball.

Manipulative play: refers to activities by which a child learns to gain better control over her environment. These activities include the use of puzzles and building blocks (which also require some physical play skills) as well as games that involve social manipulation ("What can I do to make Daddy come to me?").

Symbolic play: involves manipulation of events and objects. These play activities would include the use of fantasy; pretend play, and nonsense rhymes. In symbolic play, a child can change events, identities and emotions for the sake of her play, thereby gaining more complete control over her newly created world.

Because young children enjoy play, it becomes a very natural way for them to learn about themselves and about the world in which they live. As children grow and change, play develops with them according to a developmental sequence.

So when you come into your child's classroom, you will see them involved in centers and "playing," but remember there is a lot of learning going on. The teachers are working hard to prepare your child to be successful in their future endeavors.

Parent Conferences will start Nov 1st!

**Please sign up with your child's
teacher today!**



Thankful

FAMILY ADVOCATE'S CORNER

Happy Thanksgiving to all our dear families! The Holiday Season is fast approaching. You can almost smell the cookies and pies and all the goodies we love to eat around this time off the year. Take the opportunity to make happy memories with your children. Choose simple recipes and allow your child to assist with measuring and counting the ingredients. You can do the same with crafts and ornaments.

Remember to update your child's shots and physicals, and continue to make dental appointments. We need your input and participation at Parent Meetings. Please keep us informed of any changes of Address, Phone #, and custody issues. If you have any questions or concerns call your Advocates Janet Ali @ 386-323-7115 or Ruth Roberts @386-323-7114.



CLASSROOM #1: DR. SEUSS

Wow how the days are going by so fast! This month we will be working on another **Nutrition activity** (squash). We will discuss different kinds of squash, how they grow, taste, feel and look. We will also make a delicious recipe using crookneck squash to allow our children to experience different foods.

Fall is fun we will give our children fun crafts and activities to brighten the season and add decorations to the class.

Colors of Fall and **so many trees** will give us a chance to explore the outdoors and see how the things are changing around us. We would like to send birthday wishes to Deandre 11/1/ and Taliyah 11/7. Thanks to all of our parents who came out to our last parent meeting. We had a good turnout. We look forward to seeing all of you to the next meeting. Please come and get involved in all the activities to help your child grow and learn with us. Please remember to bring a change of clothing appropriate for the weather changing out soon. We would also like to remind you to please take your child to the bathroom and wash their hands before entering the classroom. Thanks for working with us to make this school year the best for your child.

Mrs. Gaynell & Ms. Yolanda



CLASSROOM #2: CHICKA CHICKA PLOM

Welcome to our classroom,

In the month of November we will be learning about the Seasons all around us. We will be talking about the weather, different season, and how they affect our environment. Each week we will be learning a different letter, number, color, and shape in our class. We also encourage families to come out and join in our family involvement activities each month. This month for our nutrition activity we will be making Crook neck squash salad for the children to taste. We would like to encourage parents to join us in our classroom to volunteer to get an idea of your kids are working on. Parents please join in on our parent meeting at the end of each month to learn about upcoming events that may be happening at our center, or in our program. Thank you for all your support and cooperation. Ms. Kathi & Ms. Danna

Ms. Kathryn & Ms. Danna

CLASSROOM #3: THE SHINING STARS

In classroom 3, we are so excited about November month. We will be learning about the 4 Seasons and weather. We continue our Second Step program on Different feelings. We will also work on letters Oo, Uu numbers one to five, shapes and colors. In our nutritional curriculum will be learning about squash and its taste.

During the month of October we reviewed the following letters, Aa, Ee and Ii. We are also worked on reviewing numbers 0 to 5. Thank you for your support and we love having your children in our classroom. We look forward to seeing you at our monthly Parent Meeting.

Thanks,

Ms. Ada and Ms. Briget.

**CLASSROOM #4 THE CRAYON BOX**

Hi Everyone! Can't believe it's already November! The school year has been a great success so far. Thank you for all of your help with your children and participating in our Open House event, making picture frames with your child, and our pumpkin carving event. The children really enjoyed both of them, and you doing it with them. Last month we took time to talk about visiting the doctor and the dentist. We also talked about the five senses. We are also spending time learning about the colors and shapes, help us out at home by going over them with your child. Next month we look forward to more parent activities, we'll keep you posted!

**CLASSROOM #5: THE EXPLORES**

This month of November in classroom 5 we are working on the different seasons. We will be exploring what is the different season, how they change and what they look like. In second step we will be talking a lot about our feelings like caring and helping. We are going to have a whole week of vacation from 19-23 that the school will be closed. Overall we are happy to have such a great class this year and thanks to all the parent for supporting our classroom.

Mrs. Bethzaida & Ms. Mary

Policy Council update for October 2018

The **October Policy Council Meeting** was held on Thursday, October 25th at Lake Sumter State College in Leesburg. Seventeen policy council members were present. Seven staff members were present. Two community representatives were present.

The following 2018 -19 Policy Council officers were elected: Chairman – Angela Salazar from Woodward Blended Head Start classroom, Vice Chairman – James Norton from Malloy Head Start classroom and Secretary – Felicia Morrison from Port Orange Head Start.

The following documents **were approved**: *Budget Report, Credit Card Report, Meals and Snacks Report, Service Area Reports, Center Reports and a Behavior Plan.*

The Enrollment/ Attendance Report showed 17 Head Start classrooms and 8 Early Head Start classrooms with *an* average daily attendance below 85% in September.

Policy council members approved a 25% limit (of the total activity cost) for the cost of food for Parent Engagement activities.

Six **new hires** were approved for Volusia County sites.

Three **new hires** were approved for Hernando County sites.

The **next Policy Council meeting** is scheduled for 10:00am on Thursday, November 15th via video conference. Policy Council members will meet at the Mid Florida Administrative office in their county

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Vote on Dr. Willie Kimmons was delayed as parents said

They would like to see him before voting for him as they do not know him.

- Regular Attendance/ calling In
- Change of clothes- Wash Blankets
- No School In-Service Day: November 7th 2018
- No school Monday November 12th Veteran's Day
- No School Nov 19- 23 Thanksgiving Holiday
- Santa will be coming to the center on Dec 18th 2018

Next Parent Meeting – December 13th 2018

Meeting Adjourned 2:55pm

