

Hope Place Newsletter

MFCS HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START

DECEMBER 2018



Head Start

Mid Florida Community Services

Early Head Start

➔ NUMBERS



Preschool Room Phone:

386-281-3314 Ex:101
Infant/Toddler Room
Phone:

386-281-3314 Ex:103
Toddler/Two's Room:

Site Director: 386-281-3314 Ex:104

Crystal Hill, 383-281-3314 Ex:107

➔ DATES



No School:

12/20—1/4
Early Release:

12/5, 12/12, 12/19

Parent Meeting:

12/13 @ 2:00pm

Parent Activity:

12/13- HS @ 1:30pm, EHS @ 2:30pm
Policy Council:

12/13 @ 10am
Other Important Date(s):

12/19—Holiday Gifts

➔ HEAD START CURRICULUM FOCUS

Focus letters:

Rr, Cc, Qq

Shape:

Rectangle
Color:

Green & Red
Numbers:

1-5



MESSAGE FROM YOUR SITE DIRECTOR:

By
Crystal Hill

Holidays can be a time when parents decide that doing things with their children will be a priority and they will use the time to get to know each other and enjoy each other's company. Children love doing things with parents.

Try to arrange some individual time with each child if you can, as well as family time - this helps build good relationships and helps your children's self-esteem.

Just one different activity each day will help keep children interested and looking forward to it. Remember children do not need to be 'entertained' all the time. Just a change of place or a few suggestions can help them to be very creative on their own.

Sometimes saying "I'm bored" is another way of saying "I want you to play with me", and sometimes the child has not even started to try to think of what to do by themselves.

Happy Holidays to everyone & enjoy this time with your family!! Remember to login and check your child's progress in Galileo. If you need the password again, see your child's teacher....

➡ PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Preschool Room:

Chellynell, Ryleigh, Jhordin, Lilith

Infant/toddler Room:

Rylan, Camella, Rubee

Toddler/Two's Room:

Jesse, Jaiya

➡ IMPROVED ATTENDANCE

Preschool Room:

Ahdaiyah, Ayden, Ramdas

Infant/toddler Room:

Ty'lan, Sarai

Toddler/Two's Room:

Avery



PRESCHOOL ROOM NEWS:

In December, we will be starting a competition to encourage students to practice letter recognition. Please see the pink poster in the classroom to see how your child is doing! Our weekly themes will be Cantaloupe, Winter Carnival, and Holidays Around the World. In second step, we will emotion management, including how to manage strong emotions. We will continue to act out stories to encourage reading comprehension, including The 3 Little Pigs. Letters of the week will be R, C, and Q. We will continue to work number 1 – 5 recognition, counting with one to one correspondence, and subtracting/counting backwards from 5. As the holidays approach, please let us know different family traditions you do in your household! We can't believe we are halfway through this school year! Feel free to read with your child as "homework" over the winter break. They learn so many pre-reading skills in these moments! We appreciate your continued support of your child's education

INFANT/TODDLER ROOM NEWS:

In December we will be working with each child on learning how to express their emotions when their happy, sad, frustrated, etc. we are encouraging them to use their words more inside the classroom with their peers and with the teachers. Also we are still working on the classroom rules and table manners while sitting at the table during serving time. It is very important that you practice these things at home with your child. We would also like to welcome our new student Jaiya to the toddler classroom!

TODDLER/TWO'S ROOM NEWS:

This month the infants are learning about the colors red and green. We would like to welcome a new student, Camella. We are so happy that you are in our class! And we want to wish Ms. Gail a belated Happy Birthday (November 27th). We hope you had a terrific day! Please be sure to check your child's hanging folders for important papers each day. We wish all of our students and their families a happy and safe holiday season!

➔ POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

The **November Policy Council Meeting** was held on Thursday, November 15th at the Administrative Offices in Hernando and Volusia counties. Seventeen policy council members were present. Eight staff members were present. Two community representatives were present. The following October reports were **approved**:

Budget Report, Credit Card Report, Meals and Snacks Report, Service Area Reports and Center Reports.

The Enrollment/Attendance Report reflected 14 Head Start classrooms and 6 Early Head Start classrooms with an average daily attendance below 85% in October.

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

One **new hire** was approved for Hernando County sites.

Heidi Rand, Director of Early Learning Programs, advised the Policy Council of a recent Information Memorandum from the Office of Head Start which encourages programs to prioritize father engagement.

The Policy Council unanimously approved MFCS' submission of EHS grant application with a request for funding in the amount of \$1,804,728. The funding will allow expansion of services to include 104 new Early Head Start slots in Hernando and Volusia counties.

Policy Council member, Kevin Hill - Oakridge Head Start/ Early Head Start Policy Council Representative, was elected as the Policy Council's Liaison to the Mid Florida Community Services Board of Directors. He will attend quarterly board meetings for the purpose of obtaining information to share with Policy Council.

The **next Policy Council meeting** is scheduled for 10:00am on Thursday, December 13th and it will be held via video conference. Policy Council members will meet at the Mid Florida Administrative office in their county.

➔ TRACK YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS

Login to Galileo at www.ati-online.com on your computer or mobile phone to access updates on your Head Start child's development several times a week!

You can also access in-home activities based on your child's developmental level!



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Hope Place HS & EHS
Nov 5, 2018

- The meeting started with Christopher Phillips calling the meeting to order.
- Only 3 parents attended, so wasn't a quorum to make decisions
- The agenda was reviewed
- The suggestion was made to create a survey again to get a new date and time for the parent meeting
- The decision was also made to send out a survey for the parent activity.
- The meeting was adjourned and all parents were thanked again for attending.
- After reviewing the survey's the next meeting will be on Thursday, Dec 13th at 2pm