



Coleman Head Start Newsletter

December, 2018

By Jeamary Garcia , CDS

Holiday's can be a time when parents decide that doing things with their children will be a priority, 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 with building 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....



Family Advocate News

By Ana Triplett

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." -Dr. Seuss

Read early and read often. The early years are critical to developing a lifelong love of reading. It's never too early to begin reading to your child! The tips below offer some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader. Try a new tip each week. See what works best for your child.

Read together every day: Read to your child every day. Make this a warm and loving time when the two of you can cuddle close.

Give everything a name: Build your child's vocabulary by talking about interesting words and objects. For example, "Look at that airplane! Those are the wings of the plane. Why do you think they are called wings?"

Say how much you enjoy reading: Tell your child how much you enjoy reading with him or her. Talk about "story time" as the favorite part of your day.

Read with fun in your voice: Read to your child with humor and expression. Use different voices. Ham it up!

Know when to stop: Put the book away for a while if your child loses interest or is having trouble paying attention.

Be interactive: Discuss what's happening in the book,

point out things on the page, and ask questions.

Read it again and again: Go ahead and read your child's favorite book for the 100th time!

"Cuanto más lea, más cosas sabrá. Cuanto más aprendas, más lugares irás". - Dr. Seuss

Léales desde temprana edad y frecuentemente. Los primeros años son críticos

para desarrollar un amor a la lectura para toda la vida. ¡Nunca es demasiado

pronto para comenzar a leerle a su hijo o hija! Los siguientes consejos le

ofrecen maneras divertidas para ayudar a que sus hijos se conviertan en

lectores seguros y contentos. Intente diferentes consejos cada semana y vea

cuales funcionan mejor.

Family Advocate News

By Migdalia Vega

Dear parent,

Thank you for submitting your child's dental exam.

Thank you to Viviana Sierra and Jasmine Melendez Ortiz for donating kids' shoes and toys.

Congratulations to the winners at the parents' meeting: Tracee Gaines won the "a little bit of everything" basket; Shaddaylee Rosado won Christmas wrapping paper; and Lianessa Delgado won an write erase Disney book.

Queridos Padres,

Gracias por someter el examen dental de su hijo (a).

Gracias a Viviana Sierra y Jasmine Meléndez Ortiz por donar zapatos y juguetes para niños (as).

Felicidades a los ganadores en la reunión de padres: Tracee Gaines ganó la canasta de "un poco de todo"; Shaddaylee Rosado ganó papel de regalo de Navidad; y Lianessa Delgado ganó un libro de Disney de borrado de escritura.

Gracias,

Su Representante de Familias,

Migdalia Vega,

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☺ **December 5, 12 & 19**— Early Release day

☺ **December 11**— Parent Activity

☺ **December 18**— Parent Meeting

☺ **December 19**—Family Engagement

☺ **December 20**—Student Holiday ; winter Break

random 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.

Policy Council UPDATE

November 2018

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 Memo-



*Mid Florida Community Services, Incorporated
Coleman, Head Start
Parent Meeting Minutes
11/27/2018*

Parent Committee Vice Chair:

Ice Breaker Game: Color Introductions

Did Pledge of Allegiance: Everyone

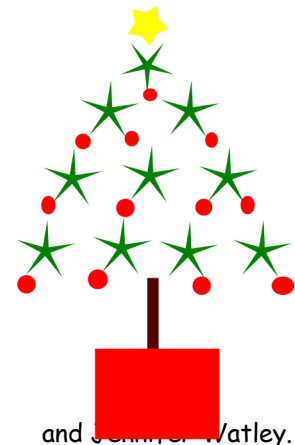
Parent's meeting minutes: in Parent's Newsletter

New Business

Policy Council Report by Lianessa Delgado

25 Parents voted for Policy Council Community Representatives Dr. Willie Kimmons

Shooting Stars Photography will be here between January 28, - February 1, 2019.
ground w/ the year in blocks and a school picture.



and Jennifer Watley.

Theme: Spring, Blue back-

Important Dates:

It's a Health Thing! 11/28/18 from 9:00 to 12:00pm. at the Agricultural Center

Parent Activity Tuesday 12/11/18 at 11:00am. in the portable.

Family Engagement Activity: Christmas around the world 12/19/18 @ 10:30am.

No School: December, Thursday 12/20/18 - January, Friday 01/04/19. Classes resume Monday, January 01/07/19.

Next Parent Meeting: Tuesday 12/18/18 @ 2:15pm.

Service Area Reports:

(1) CDS (Jeamary Garcia): She had to attend another meeting however, she distributed a book to each parent and literature about November being the National Family Literacy Month.

(2) Teachers: are teaching the children about the weather, letter sounds, to identify their feelings, Children are also learning about history, pilgrims, Indians, Math, second steps.

(3) Family Advocate (Migdalia Vega): Migdalia also announced that all of the children have had a dental exam and thanked the parents for making it happen. Congratulations!!!

Guest Speaker: Caitlyn Glatting from the Family Nutrition Program and Artisan Alley staff.

Announcements / Questions / Comments:

Raffled: Tracee Gaines won a little bit of everything basket; Shaddaylee Rosado won Christmas wrapping paper and Lianessa Delgado won an write erase Disney book.

25 parents attended

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.



Inside Story of Classroom 1

By. Mrs. Keyla Rivera & Ms. Nichole Means

Dear Families,

Last month our class learned all about fall, the colors of fall and things to be thankful for. Our class also participated in a nutrition lesson about squash and learning about how they grow and how they can be used in meals and as snacks. This month the class will participate in a nutrition lesson about Cantaloupe. We will spend the rest of the short month talking about winter and the different holidays and traditions that families practice. We will be making crafts and doing a "Polar Express" day: your child is welcome to come in their pj's. As always we will continue reviewing letters, sounds, writing,

counting, identifying numbers, and shapes.

In Second Step, the next few weeks we will work on the emotion management unit. We would like to thank you all for your continuous support!



Inside Story of Classroom 2

By. Ms. Mabel & Mrs. Maria

Dear parents during the month of November we have been working with the seasons. We talked about the change of the weather, the celebration and traditions and importance of saying thanks. with the second step we continue with the feelings. During this month we had a Tag a Long Day. Thanks to all the parents for taking your time to be with us.



Inside Story of Classroom 3

By. Mrs. Marline & Ms. Katie

We are welcoming the new month with excitement! Teaching young children about all the different holidays celebrated during the winter months is not only important for teaching diversity, but to work as a stepping stone into understanding that everyone is unique. Whether a family celebrates Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Las Posadas or Christmas, this December lesson plan opens the door to our classroom on the special days celebrated around the world. We will be learning about the unique traditions, celebrations, and holidays that occur around the world. We focus on reviewing letter recognition, letter

sound, recognizing numbers and beginning sounds of consonants in a word. Through Second Step we review some skills to increase, our ability to identify own and others feelings, understand the complexity of feelings, takes other's perspectives, and learn ways to respond empathically. As always, we enjoy you volunteering your time. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Happy Holidays, Feliz Navidad Y Prospero Año Nuevo!



Inside Story of Classroom 4

By. Mrs. Blanca Maldonado & Ms. Margarita Montes

Dear Parents,

November was a very busy month for us! We discussed the four seasons and observed all the changes this time of year brings. Children explored, observed, and described seasonal changes. We had an artist from the Art museum in our classroom, we learn about Indians and pilgrims and how the mail move.

December is finally here and it's a month full of wonderful holiday traditions from around the world. As this month zips by us, we

will be discussing toy safety. The children will be singing holiday songs and participating in many multicultural activities. We will learn about the different ways the holidays are celebrated around the world through stories, crafts, cooking, and sharing our own traditions. There is a difference between *celebrating* a holiday and *teaching* about the different holidays. Our goal is to expose children to the many holidays that exist in order to encourage an understanding of diversity and a re-

spect for others. The Head Start program teaches likenesses as well as differences. We look forward to seeing you in the classroom.

Perfect Attendance for Nov. 2018

Classroom: 1

- De Castro Escorcía, Julian
- Díaz, Jaden
- Franzen, ZhehnlieahLyn
- Melcher, Kellin
- Pichardo, Uriel
- Sierra, Nina
- Soler, Liam
- White, Jordan

Classroom: 2

- Andro, Aiyana
- Guderyon, Noah
- Harris, Chrishawn
- Manners, Izzy
- Marmol Centeno, Antonio
- Rosado Pena, Kamila
- Schoeneberg, Sophia
- Wierzbicki, Connor



Classroom: 3

- Anderson, Ishmael
- Blair, Aniah
- Copolo, Jaylah
- Demps-McMillan, Nehemiah
- Hansing, Cash
- Ramos Perez, Thania
- Rosado Pena, Kaleb

Classroom: 4

- Anderson, Israel
- Caraballo Rosado, Dylan
- Gammon, Willow
- Sayne, Mitchell
- Smith, Frank Jr.
- Soto, Aven

