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HEAD START NEWS

Spring Hill Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Ronjaneen Harris

Welcome everyone to the 2020-21 school year. My name is Ronjaneen Harris and I am the Child Development Specialist for Spring Hill Head Start Center. We look forward to working with you and your child(ren) and providing them with life-long skills and experiences that are necessary for school readiness. I have met many of you as you bring or pick up your child(ren). This school year, we are using the Creative Curriculum which is based on well-known theories of child development. Our teachers work very hard to get your child(ren) ready for kindergarten. We ask that you take part in your child's education and ask questions, complete and return your child's educational home activities which are sent home twice a month, attend (virtual) monthly parent meetings, support the teachers, and bring your child to school daily and/or attend virtual classes. Please remember to dress your child in closed toe shoes and bring a set of changing clothes in case of an accident. You can reach me, Ronjaneen Harris, at 352-556-4800, extension 209. I look forward to seeing you at the September 15 virtual parent meeting. Thank you for your support and for allowing Head Start to support you. Together, we will make a difference.



CONTACT US!

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Classroom 601 Theresa Nunez and Wanda Pagan Ext. 2601
Classroom 602 Norma Padro and Lucia Quiles Ext. 2602
Classroom 701 Sherry Harris and Mariani Suarez Ext. 2701
Classroom 702 Zulma Colon and Stephanie Nutter Ext. 2702
Classroom 901 Amy French and Janet Thomas Ext. 2901
Classroom 902 Shannon Farrell and Theresa Scott Ext. 2902



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Holiday: Labor Day, September 7, 2020

No Early Release

Virtual Parent Meeting September 15, 2020 3:00pm



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Lynda Kersey, Joanne Roth, Lynn Woerner, and Nitza Jerez

We are very excited to embark on a new school year! We would like to welcome everyone back. Thank you everyone for your Team Spirit. We appreciate our families and seeing the smiles and excitement on the children each morning. We would like to remind families on Monday September 7, 2020 we will be closed in observance of the holiday. Please have a safe and wonderful holiday. We will be closed on Fridays and you may join virtual. See your child's teacher if you need help. Family Advocates will be available at the office Mon – Thurs from 8-5. Any needs, please contact us. We are ready to serve you and together make this work!



CLASSROOM 502

I understand this year will be a lot of trial and error, but please bear with us as we navigate through this difficult time together. Our year will be full of fun, friendships, and learning. We will focus on letter recognition, letter sounds, numbers, shapes, and colors throughout the year while integrating lessons about daily living and environment. During the first couple of weeks, we will begin to do activities to develop gross motor skills, fine gross motor skills, and coordination. Remember that we will be doing Zoom meetings on Fridays. We will email the link to the meeting during the week. Please check your email often as this is the way we will be communicating. For our virtual families, we will have Zoom meetings during the week in specific times during our daily schedule. You will receive the time and link to the meeting on Fridays for the following week. If you have any questions, please email us or call us. Let's have fun!!!

~Ms. Jennifer and Ms. Stefanie

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 501

We welcome one and all. Our first unit of Study will be "Beginning of the Year". We will be learning a lot of Nursery Rhymes and introducing the children to name writing and recognition, shapes and colors, numbers and counting. Of course all of the children will be working on their literacy skills at their appropriate individual level. Our Second Step lessons will begin with the social skills of greeting each other, listening skills, and focusing attention so we can learn how to pay attention to learn. We will be focusing a lot on cleaning and hygiene even more than usual so we can keep the children as safe as possible. They will learn skills to help keep them safe at school and at home. Just a reminder that since the school will be closed every Friday, we will have virtual school for all of our students on most Fridays unless we are having In-Service Days. We will make every effort to keep our families abreast of any changes as we go along. Thank you for your co-operation.

~Ms. Shelley and Ms. Oleana

CLASSROOM 601

We are going to enjoy our special time together this year. Our first priority is health and safety of our students, and you might notice things are a little different this year. This will be a learning opportunity for all of us and we are going to work together to make the best of it! Our school year will be starting off with learning the routine, rules, and getting to know everyone in the classroom. Please, if you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to get in contact with us. Here's to a FANTASTIC year!

~Mrs. Theresa N. and Mrs. Wanda

CLASSROOM 602

Welcome families to a year filled with fun, friendships, learning and growth. We are excited to begin our preschool year with new adventures and ideas. We will be learning social skills throughout the year. This month, our focus will be learning the names of our friends, review of the rules in the classroom and the rules on the playground. During the first couple of weeks we will begin to do activities to develop gross motor skills, fine gross motor skills and coordination. Please remember to review your child's folder daily, and make sure your child has extra clothes, in case of any accidents.

~Mrs. Norma and Ms. Lucia

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 701

This month, we will be getting to know the children and familiarizing them to the classroom, this will include the signing in of the children, along with our daily schedule. We will be going over the different centers and what we do in each center. We will be refreshing our minds to get back in the routine of school. This will include going over our letters, numbers, shapes and colors.

~Ms. Sherry and Mrs. Mariani



CLASSROOM 702

We are very excited to be your child's teachers. As we begin a new educational journey this month, the children will learn to recognize the letters of the alphabet, numbers, colors and classroom expectations. Please, remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather, closed toe shoes at all times, emergency clothes for those small accidents, a blanket labeled with his/her name and a jacket. All clothes should be in a plastic bag or in a nylon back pack. We are looking forward to an awesome school year. Please be sure to check your email for our Fun Friday Zoom link. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email as your earliest convenience.

~Mrs. Zulma and Mrs. Stephanie

CLASSROOM 901

Welcome families to the beginning of a new experience for all of us. We will begin to start a routine with the children to get them adjusted to their classroom. The children will brainstorm to create the expectations for their classroom. They will learn each other's names as well as recognize their own names. We will introduce the children to their helping hands duties to familiarize them with the different responsibilities in the classroom. We will begin to learn their strengths and weaknesses so that we can better serve their needs. We look forward to a great year.

~Mrs. Amy and Mrs. Janet

CLASSROOM 902

Welcome back to school! We are so excited to see everyone. This year may look a little different than other years, but we are going to have a great year. We will be working on writing our names, learning letters and numbers, and learning how to express our feelings. We will also be starting our zoo phonics animals and doing a weekly star student. Fun Friday's will take place most Fridays on Zoom. A link will be sent home for you to join. Please make sure to remind your child to wash their hands often and practice wearing their masks at home, so they can get used to wearing them at school. Stay Safe!

~Mrs. Shannon and Mrs. Theresa S.



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Knowing Our Friends

Identifies and names letters

- Talk with your child about special friends or family members. Write each person's name on a slip of paper.

- Choose a name card and identify each letter with your child.

- Sing the following song to the tune of "Bingo" and incorporate the chosen name:

I have a friend whose name is _____.

We have fun together!

We like to laugh and play,

We like to laugh and play,

We like to laugh and play,

We love spending time together!

What letters did your child name throughout the activity?

Source: Teaching

Strategies Guided Learning Experience



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

There are no parent meeting minutes for August. Parent meetings will resume next month.

POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

The July minutes were approved. A prospective ten staff were approved for hire. The enrollment, attendance, and snack reports were approved.

Additionally, a review of our school options were reviewed and updated with the Council. Service area and center reports were also approved.

CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

"The Kissing Hand" by Audrey Penn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f6FfUhoKkT0>