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HEAD START NEWS

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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: *Jeamary Garcia*

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. We would like to welcome all our returning families, with a special greeting to those families who are joining us here at Head Start for the first time. As we begin the new year during the COVID-19 Pandemic, we would like to assure you we will be doing everything recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in order to keep your child and our staff healthy. We know we can count on you to be our partner in this effort. Please watch your child and all others in your household for signs and symptoms of illness. If you detect any, please keep your child home. Take your child's temperature often, assure lots of handwashing and practice wearing masks if tolerated. These will be things we will be doing when they join us this year therefore, practicing at home will help them get adjusted to these new routines. Together we will 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.



CONTACT US!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

No Early Release Days

Monday September 7th - Labor Day Holiday

Thursday September 10th - Zoom Parent Meeting

Friday September 18th - No virtual services, In Service day



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Annette Gregory

Welcome Parents:

I am so glad to have you and your child joining us this school year. This year is going to be a bit different for all of us as we find new ways to do things that we used to do in person. We will have our first parent meeting virtually, September 10th at 3:00 on Zoom.

Please be sure to join us for this very important first meeting. We will be electing our parent committee and selecting the day and time for our regular monthly meetings. I look forward to see you all then!

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 2

Hello Parents / Guardians:

We are looking to start a great school year. We will be learning routine, classroom rules, doing assessments and building relationships with the adults and peers in our room. We will be learning to socialize with other and how to manage our strong feelings through words. The students will be working on building their hand muscles for cutting and writing. We will also have live zoom lessons daily. On Friday, we will be doing zoom in groups for small group. We are excited to learn new things in our classroom and on zoom. We look forward to having you all join us in the learning fun.

Please check your emails daily. This is how we will be communicating and sending out lesson plans and other information you might need to know.

Thank you for all that you do with your children.

~Mrs. Lorraine and Mrs. Olga

CLASSROOM 3

The Adventurers - Ms. Ada Iris and Mrs. Maria Eva

Hello Parents / Guardians:

We would like to Welcome everyone back to school! As we begin a new school year, we look forward to an exciting year. During this month we will introduce the theme "Beginning the year" and we will be getting to know each other and building relationships, knowing and learning classroom routines, introducing interest areas, what should we do if we get sad or scared at school, how to make new friends and play with them, etc. We are excited and look forward to new some new adventures. We would like to thank all the parents for our first virtual home visits and is an honor to meet you and your families.

Thank you.



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Home Learning Activity: How Many in the Cup? Understanding quantities

- Show your child a container with small items such as crayons, blocks, or cars and different-sized cups. Wonder aloud about how many items could fit in a cup. Look at all these cars. I wonder how many will fit in the cup.
- Show your child one cup and ask her to predict how many items will fit in the cup. Then invite her to fill the cup with the items and count how many fit to see if her prediction was correct.
- Continue the activity using a different-sized cup.

Family Engagement Activity: Family Names

- Look through several family photos with your child.
- Talk about the names and nicknames of the people in the photos. Who is that in the photo?
- Continue looking at family photos for as long as your child is interested.
- Share your child's favorite family photo with your teacher and let her know who is in the photo.

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Coming Soon!

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=t0wTTPvI7v0#action=share>