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THE SCOOP

HEAD START NEWS



Our Important Dates page is attached to this newsletter. Your coach will also bring hard copies this week. These provide the completion dates for each required program components.

Dental Screenings Begin

Coquina 8/28-29 Cambridge 9/5-9/7 Mims 9/11-9/14 Enterprise 9/18-9/19 Endeavour 9/25-9/27

Look for an email from Amanda Willis, Dental Hygienist on how to support this vital service for our children. Additional schools will be listed in the newsletter for October and November screening dates.



Please let your coach know if you are in need of extra "blankies" for rest time. <u>BFF - Blankets for</u>
Friends will provide a few extra for the classrooms.
Blankets provide the comfort EVERY child should have as they rest/sleep.

HEADSTART VPK

Port Malabar

We are seeing these types of bulletin boards in many of our school's hallways. Thank you to everyone for having one just for our Head Start children!



<u>Head Start / Ages and</u> <u>Stages (ASQ)</u> <u>(brevardschools.org)</u>





Ms. Dunwoody's bulletin board at Port Malabar. Welcoming all of her children

Second Step in action in Ms. Tucker's VPK classroom at Discovery. We have 12 wonderful schools that have Head Start classrooms. Each school may have 2, 3 or 4 classrooms. We are very proud of the partnership we have with each school and the dedicated staff who support our children! We will include all schools team pictures in the next few issues of the Scoop newsletter.



Our Discovery Team



Our Enterprise Team

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Our Mims Team



Our University Park Team

Children learning through centers.





Parent School Readiness Goals and Objectives

Thank you to all the teachers for collecting the Parent School Readiness Goal/Objective sheets from the parents. Please continue to pass these forms to the Advocates.

Either the teacher OR the advocate can fill out these forms for all new families who enroll.

Thank you to the Advocates for their support of these goals with the families!

YAHOO Counting only the children that were <u>enrolled</u> at the

beginning of the school year we have many celebrations!

Jupiter and Coquina had 100% of these forms collected!!!

Cambridge and Sherwood had over 90% these forms collected!

Making Calendar Meaningful in PreK

There is a way to teach the calendar so that it's more purposeful and allows less time if using it in a large group setting. Start off with a 7-day calendar when introducing the calendar concept. Monday - Friday and Saturday/Sunday are all you need on your calendar. Then add visuals that the children can connect with, such as a picture of a nap mat for napping or images of playground, field trips, and birthdays.

When children can see the progression of time they will begin to understand the concept more quickly, along with understanding the reason for teaching today, tomorrow and yesterday (RTA). Then, when you see progression to understanding a basic 7-day calendar, then you can start a regular calendar in a small group, similar to journalling. Stop with the rote, big calendar time and make your teaching moments more meaningful!

VII. Social Studies E. Time, Continuity and Change 1. Recognizes sequence of events to establish a sense of order and time. 2. Explores changes that take place over time in the immediate future. (Classroom schedules and routines

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TEACHER OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, Sept. 20 | 5:30 - 8 PM

Enjoy a night to mix and mingle with fellow teachers, plan great experiences for your students and win fun door prizes! Educational organizations and businesses from throughout Central Florida will be present to speak with you and provide informational handouts and freebies for your classroom and school. Registration is required to attend this educator-only event. Admission is \$5, which includes hors d'oeuvres and a beverage.

GREAT DOOR PRIZES!

- Brevard Zoo membership
- Gift baskets
- Gift cards
- Classroom books

- Apparel
 - Tickets to local
- · attractions ...and more!



MORE THAN EXHIBITORS INCLUDING:

- City of Melbourne—Eco Division
- Crayola Experience
- Environmentally Endangered Lands Programs
- Environmental Learning Center
- Florida Wildlife Hospital
- Keep Brevard Beautiful

- Keiser University
- Kennedy Space Center
- Sea Turtle Preservation Society
- St. Johns River Water Management District
- Solar Energy Center
- WonderWorks
- ...and many more!

Register online at brevardzoo.org/teacher-resources

Registration open August 14 - September 10

