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HEAD START NEWS



From your Leadership Team



Dental Screenings

Discovery 11/13-11/14 Saturn 11/27



its okay to

feel your

feelings

More information will be coming up about follow up visits and screenings for new children. Teaching our children to understand their feelings in Ms. Bonessi's classroom at Saturn.

GLAD MONSTER

Thank you Michelle Dale, Instructional Coach for putting this on our Head Start Facebook Page!

Parents are often worried about why their child is not able to write by the age of 4 and why the teacher is allowing them to play, or be creative with intricate or fine motor materials. The picture below explains why.
Up until 6 years of age, their tiny hands are still developing and are not fully formed. Children require progressive development in their hands to enable them to grasp and hold things and eventually develop their writing skills.
Like any muscles, we must train them, strengthen them and 'work out' to get them stronger - this is just the same for the muscles in children's hands.

So what should be done to support this? PLAY! Playdough, coloring, tearing, sensory play, beading, picking cotton balls with tweezers, cleaning, wiping, holding, grabbing, sweeping, cutting, digging etc. These types of activities may not seem like education, but they are the foundations of what is to come.

We must allow our children to develop their fine motor skills which in turn, develop the skills required for early, emergent writing and later full writing skills.

When children are ready to write, they will. No need to rush them, they will show you when they are ready.

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The hand of a 3 year old child The hand of a 6 year old child

CURRICULUM PACING GUIDE



Monday, November 13 Unit 4 Week 3 Community and Fall



SECOND STEP Week 14

In Ms. Collado's class at Saturn the children painted things with sponges they see in their community and school: homes, trees, road signs, hospitals, Starbucks, pools, parks, flowers, and bridge to the zoo.



Head Start Champanion at Uni Park



Mr. Andrew Stevens- Head Custodian and Head Start Champion. Mr. Stevens is working with a few students to provide positive reinforcement. If the students earn their stickers for positive behaviors they get to eat lunch or snack with Mr. Stevens. The students love getting to spend time with him.







Community Helpers at Coquina





BOOK FAIR



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Using water is a great way to reinforce many concepts. We can also teach children to wash and clean a variety of things.

Ms. Rotan's class at Saturn.



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Early Learning Coalition of Brevard County

My Dad My Hero!



Featuring Lil City Cowboy



Thursday, November 16, 2023

Doors Open at 2:30 pm The Event is from 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm

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Speakers, Success Stories, Children's Activities, Storytelling, Entertainment, and More!!



