December 2023 Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Winter is here! We are excited to begin a new month of afterschool filled with exciting, educational activities, including outdoor structured games. In addition, videos that feature emotions and how to handle them will be presented. Students will enjoy the outdoor games we have scheduled. Fun, Fun, Fun! Please make sure your child dresses appropriately for our chilly Florida winter weather.

Remember, in order for students to continue in our 21st CCLC program, attendance is a requirement. Failure to attend and/or too many early pickups could mean that your child may be removed from the program.

As always, we thank you for your support. Please, do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.



Have a safe and happy winter break. See you January 8th!

The Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Dec. 6th at UF IFAS /4H University of Florida 3695 Lake Dr. 32926 Please reach out to me if you would like to attend. Your feedback and suggestions on our programs are very much appreciated.

PLEASE NOTE: Parent Workshop is January 17, 2024 – Make arrangements to attend to satisfy the requirements of the program. You will enjoy it!

We are all like a snowflake in our own different way. -Unknown



Upcoming Events

Winter Break

Last day for afterschool Friday Dec. 22 Students return to afterschool: Monday, January 8th.

What you can do to promote early learning

- Play with your child and provide opportunities for them to play. Play is essential for healthy brain development.
- Turn off the TV. A young child's brain is largely shaped by his/her development. Children need activities that stimulate the frontal lobe by involving all the senses, not just passive viewing.
- Read and talk to your child. Phonemic awareness of sound comes from listening to the human voice.
- Model the joy of learning and discovery. Go to parks, the beach, zoos and take children on walks. These types of activities stimulate early learning.
- Connect with your child. Connections boost children's brain potential, encourages cooperation, promotes learning and literacy, increases attention, decreases power struggles and builds loving bonds.

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