Hello families!

August certainly seemed to fly by, and I’m sure September will also. In September, we have a lot of wonderful new things happening. Be sure to be on the lookout for our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Challenge, as well as a BOGO card fundraiser. More details will be put out for both of those the first of the month.

Also this month we will be saying a very sad ‘see you later’ to our wonderful Mrs. Susan King. Mrs. Susan has brought us quite a few years of laughs and help as our administrative assistant. Ms. Susan is going to retire and spend some time with her wonderful family and other special commitments.

As Ms. Susan leaves, Ms. Marla Lacy is our new administrative assistant who will be with us full time. She has very big shoes to fill, but Mrs. Marla has already been such a huge asset to our center and I’m sure will be for years to come.

Please remember that if you ever have any questions or comments, my door is always open. I would love to sit down with you and discuss whatever may be on your mind. I’m here for you!

Best Wishes

Stephanie Haney

Director
From Mrs. Myrna’s class...
We have reached one of my favorite lessons. This month we will do tons of activities related to sports for about three weeks. This will be a very fun and active lesson for the infants. They will get to use a lot of their gross motor skills participating in activities that involve using props, swinging rackets, and throwing and kicking balls. There will also be books read about the different types of sports and songs related to sports.

After we have finished up on sports we will jump right into our next two lessons. The first is “All About Me”. This lesson will focus on self, our friends, and family. It should be a hoot! Getting to know fun facts and details about one another. Our

From Mrs. Sharla’s class...
This month we are exploring Sports, All About Me, and Apples. We have a field trip to The Rock planned for Thursday, September 15 at 9:30. Stay tuned for more info. Go Gold Fridays start September 2nd. If you haven't brought supplies or

From Mrs. Sherrie’s class...
This month Ms. Sherrie’s class will be doing three themes. The first theme will be sports. We will be discussing baseball, basketball, and football. We will be learning about athletes around the world. We will be exploring different types of sports equipment, and we will be taking a fieldtrip to the USM football field. The next theme will be all about me. We will be making posters (with the help of our family) We will be learning about parts of our body. We will be experimenting with different types of music to see which type each child preferred. Our last theme will be

From Ms. Samantha’s Class...
September is here and its football season! We are so excited to begin this month with a theme about sports. For the first two weeks, we will focus on different types of sports including football, basketball, soccer, and tennis. We will also have an exciting trip to USM’s football stadium. To finish off the sports theme, we are planning a “Kiddie Olympics.” For the Olympics we will partner parents and children as teams and play a variety of games and activities outside. We can’t wait for the fun to begin!
From Mrs. Bridgitte’s class...

September is going to be a great month here at school! We have such fun themes planned: Community Helpers, Circus, Eric Litwin books and a mystery theme!!! We are so excited to have Miss Ariel Reynolds join us this semester as our student teacher. She has already become an amazing asset to our class, and we can't wait to see what wonderful activities she has planned for the children. There are many who don't understand the ways of our preschool class, but if the kids could sum it for you.... here's what they would say: "I am a toddler... I am not built to sit still, keep my hands to myself, take turns, be patient, stand in line or keep quiet. I need motion. I need novelty, I need adventure and I need to engage the world with my whole body. Let me play....trust me...

From Ms. Carmen’s class...

Our classroom will go going through a few minor changes beginning September 1st. Mrs. Carmen will be heading in a new direction in her career, and we shall miss her greatly. I will begin as the lead teacher as Mrs. Stephanie has notified you earlier this week. Ms. Kaitlin Walters will be our new student teacher for the Fall semester. We would like to welcome her. It will be a fun filled fall as we begin to know one another and grow together.

From Mrs. Zkela’s Class...

This month, we will learn about Community Helpers, Circus, and Eric Litwin Books. The letters for the month are T, U, V and W. Also, the children will listen to stories; explore; play games; create art; continue to learn how to work together; write; recognize numbers; shapes; and etc. We are going to have so much fun learning about these units.

From Ms. Rachel’s class...

We are rolling right along through 2016! Hopefully September will bring some cooler temperatures! We are so excited to have Ms. Pam in the classroom with us. She is adjusting nicely and will start her student teaching experience on September 12th. We will kick off this month learning about our community helpers. This is always a class favorite! We will be able to get a few visits from police officers, firefighters, and hopefully many more of our community helpers here in Hattiesburg. Next, we will learn all about the circus. This is always a fun-filled week! The third week is "teacher's choice." Ms. Pam has not quite decided what she will choose for this week, but I am sure it will be wonderful. Lastly, we will do an author study on Eric Litwin. He is the author of the "Pete the Cat" books that I am sure many of you are familiar with. This is one of my VERY favorite themes that we do, so I am looking forward to this week! I know that September will be a total blast!

“You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.”

-Dr. Seuss
September 15-October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Here are some great picture books to read with your child:

FALL Bucket List

- Go to a Pumpkin Patch
- Admire Fall Leaves
- Make Fall Sugar Cookies
- Jump in a Leaf Pile
- Take a Hayride
- Roast Pumpkin Seeds
- Carve a Pumpkin
- Eat S'mores
- Go apple picking
- Go trick or treating
- Drink apple cider
- Donate to a Foodbank

Tips From a Typical Mom. Blogspot.com
Our featured teacher of the month is:

Ms. Sherrie DeCosta

I am an infant toddler teacher, and I have been the nursery coordinator for my church for 25 years. I have also had the experience of being a kindergarten assistant for eight years. I have been with the CCD for 9 years. I started as an assistant and have worked with all age groups. In 2010 I became a lead teacher. Altogether, I have over 25 years of experience in early childhood education. I have certification in all aspects of early learning guidelines. I am a member of the Mississippi Early Childhood Association.

I believe that a secure attachment with a child is the key to a child’s success. I treat all my children with love and respect, and I have high expectations for my children. I remember that all children learn at a different pace, and I develop lesson plans that are tailored for each child. I love what I do, and I look forward to each new child and the opportunity to teach them.

Don’t forget: September 5th

WE WILL BE CLOSED

LABOR DAY

Be sure to check this out

1000 BOOKS
before KINDERGARTEN

Starting September 1st!

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