

Madera & Fresno Migrant Head Start

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Welcome Back!!

We hope you enjoyed your well-deserved holiday break. Our wish is that you were able to spend quality time with loved ones, get an abundance of rest, be filled with peace and joy so that you feel refreshed and rejuvenated as you come back to serve in the important capacity that you do!

Winter Highlights

Our First Fresno & Madera Center Directors Meeting



What better way to collaborate than to combine Fresno and Madera Center Directors meetings which gives an opportunity to share a wealth of wisdom and experience towards the same Head Start mission.

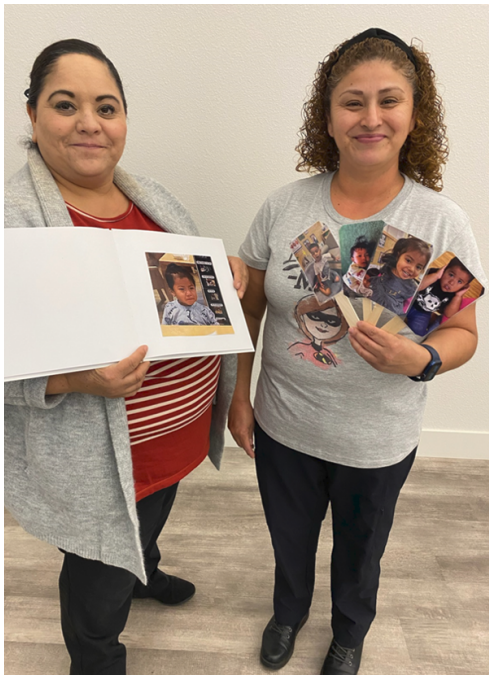
"Unity is strength.... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved"

Fresno Head Start- Ines Rodriguez

The first 6-weeks of the Winter Program are spent building community which includes exploring the classroom, following a routine, managing feelings and making friends. Here is a snapshot of the curriculum in action.



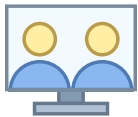
Madera Head Start-Sierra Vista



Our Teaching Pyramid Champions, Rosaura Lopez and Ofelia Valencia are hard at work implementing strategies to help their toddlers learn emotional literacy. They are introducing feeling words, using visuals of the actual children's emotions, creating feelings books and having conversations about feelings in the context of play. This skill is so important because identifying emotions is the first step to developing emotional regulation. *Way to Go Rosaura and Ofelia!!*

Professional Development

CPIN is offering a training entitled, "Language & Literacy: Alphabet Recognition"



Virtual

January 13th
8:30-10:30 am
only 50 slots available
please register below:

<https://bit.ly/3TikA0V>

Please reach out if you need instructions or help registering.

DID YOU
KNOW?



Head Start children are more likely to graduate high school, attend college, and receive a post-secondary degree, license, or certification.

Source: nhsa



CLASS- Instructional Support



Diving into Concept Development

Teachstone has an article entitled, "The Best Way to Incorporate More Concept Development in Your Lessons" which gives tips for teachers on how to intentionally plan opportunities all throughout the day which help children to gain a deeper understanding of concepts and develop analytical thinking skills. Enjoy the article by clicking the link below.

<https://info.teachstone.com/blog/the-best-way-to-incorporate-concept-development-in-your-lessons>

Please feel free to access the downloadable Concept Development worksheet and use it for planning purposes.

<https://info.teachstone.com/hubfs/Concept%20Development%20Worksheet.pdf>



PODCAST

If you are new to CLASS or want to build upon your knowledge, enjoy this short 20-minute introduction



Winter is upon us and children are naturally curious about how and why the weather is changing. Try this simple experiment which will help to learn more about how clouds work and produce rain...

 <https://youtu.be/x4GePPTUAjl>

You will need:

- Shaving cream
- Blue food coloring
- Water
- Eye-dropper
- Container

If you have any questions or need any support, please feel free to reach out to Julie Gowin (559) 507-8027 or email me: jgowin@maderacap.org

