



Early Edition

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I hope this Early Edition finds you and your family well. I don't know if any of us ever thought this pandemic was going to be like this. We have been faced with new challenges and a new normal, that no one was expecting.

We are here for you! In any way you need. As you know – our staff is busy engaging your children and you, so we all can continue some type of routine.

The end of the year is coming soon, and we want you to know how important you and your child have been to us this year. Even though it may not have ended like we wanted – we still desire to support the needs your family has. Stay strong and let us know how we can help!



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Family Services is comprised of two components – social services and parent involvement.

I Cannot believe it is the end another preschool year. And what an end it is. I am sure no one in their wildest dreams could have imagined what we have been experiencing. Spring is the time of year our thoughts are on obtaining families for Fall. Staff are busy getting applications in order to select children and families plus register them. One of our ways is to canvas neighborhoods door to door.

That will not be happening this year. As a result, we need your help in recruiting families more than ever. By that I mean telling families what we are all about. You are our best salesperson! Let us know of possible families to recruit especially since door to door will not take place this year.

We serve pregnant women, infant and toddlers up to age three in Early Head Start, and preschoolers until kindergarten age in Head Start and Pre-K Counts.

Thank you to all families this year for participating by faithfully sending your child, scheduling home visits, volunteering, attending parent meetings, playdates, taking part in events and activities, and being a Policy Council representative. Remember we cannot operate without you.
Have a safe summer!



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Dear Families,

Our Education staff would like to say thank you. We appreciate your sticking with us through these difficult times. Our teaching staff has been working very hard to keep your children engaged and share ideas for you to use at home. It means a lot to them that you are taking advantage of the activities they are providing.

We know it's not always easy to teach your children at home, but it is very important that children don't fall behind and are ready when things finally get back to normal. We are looking forward to the time when we can all be together again. Until then, stay home, stay safe and take advantage of this unique opportunity to spend time with and enjoy your family. Sincerely, Leslie and Windi





Katie Klein, Special Services Manager

kklein@capfsc.org ~ 814.445.9628 ext. 225 Hi again! My name is Katie Klein and I am the Special Services Manager with Tableland's Early Childhood Education Program. I case coordinate any extra services our students are receiving (including those provided by Early Intervention, IU-08 and behavior supports from outside agencies). Your Family Service Specialist and/or teachers can help you get in touch with me (or you can e-mail me at kklein@capfsc.org) if you have any questions about these services while we are off school. I can also be a link to our Mental Health Consultant when appropriate.

Another hat I wear is transitions. We know how important it will be for your child(ren) to transition successfully back into the school setting in the fall. I will be working hard with our teaching staff and school district partners to make these transitions back into preschool or kindergarten as smooth as possible. We will keep you posted about transition events occurring when it is allowable to hold them.

A favor I have of you is to let us know if your child has a health or mental health change over this time at home. It will help us stay on top of best serving your child or forwarding this information at your request to kindergarten. Stay well and know we miss our students and families!

Ann Kelly, Early Head Start Supervisor

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A Poem for you! ~

Schools are closed and with social distancing in place,
but our Early Head Start Home Visitors are still winning this race.

As they reach out and connect with every family each week,
with Facetime, Duos, Zoom or Marco Polo apps they still get a peak,

We help the family who needs food, diapers, referrals or more,
not to mention the stories, math and art activities galore.

Many share photos to show how big everyone is growing,
because when this way of home visiting is ending nobody is knowing.

Although we would prefer to be face to face with your child and you,
we are still very much connected with all of you and all that you do



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Physical health is the foundation that allows young children to learn, grow and master new skills and abilities. Oral health is important as well. Poor oral health can lead to decreased school performance, poor social relationships, and less success later in life. Children experiencing oral pain are distracted and unable to concentrate on schoolwork.

Remember to update student's annual physical exam, well child exam for infants and toddlers, immunizations and lead screening. Maintain 6-month dental exam check-ups and follow up with dental treatment appointments.

Students should eat healthy nutritious foods, get 30 minutes of exercise each day and brush their teeth twice a day (morning and evening) 🦷

Stay healthy and safe. 😊



Early Head Start 1 & 2



Welcome Spring

We all began a new season as well as a new way of life. The pandemic has caused us all to do things differently. We now use talking on the phone, sending texts, facetime, duo and zoom as well to keep in touch with each other. This is what we must do as part of us all staying safe and caring for our families. Tina and Tracey would like to thank all of you who have done special activities with you children and found creative ways to get that information to us.

- This time of the year means recruiting new families. If you know of anyone with a pregnant Mom or a child up to age five, please have them contact Ann at akelly@capfsc.org. You can also get the information to your home visitor and they will see that you get an application. We are already working on ways to get the necessary information from new applicants.

Please take this time to try and enjoy your family and pets while staying safely at home. Please check on those you love in whatever way that you can. Hopefully Spring will soon be here with warmer weather and spring flowers to brighten our spirits. HAPPY SPRING from all of us in the Early Head Start Program.

Tracey Dill EHS 1 can be reached at 814-233 9905

Tina Bowser EHS 2 can be reached at 814-233-9601



Early Head Start -3 With Miss Dee



We have been practicing Social Distancing since March 16th, yet we have not missed any time together.

Technology has become the link from my home to yours.

We celebrated family goals, accomplishments, and milestones of our growing children. We learned survival skills we did not know we had. Some became homeschool teachers to older siblings.

Some lost jobs.

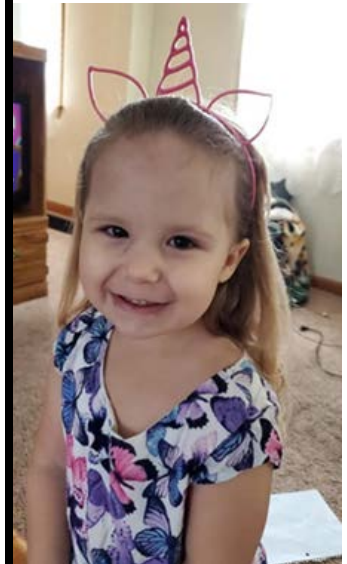
I am in awe, how we have been able to get through the last two months together.

We were never alone.

You, as parents should be very proud of yourselves. It has been one of the most challenging times we ever faced, yet you found ways to make life happen.

It was not always easy or fun, but we will pull ourselves back to a better normalcy and remember what we learned through it all.

Our Families Matter!





reading a book



exploring my world



learning to write

EHS # 4 Families Learning from Home

More Family Time

Safe Distancing Can Be Great

fishing with mom



exploring "What is it"



a ball game with my brother





Stay
Safe,

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Healthy,

Stay
POSITIVE!

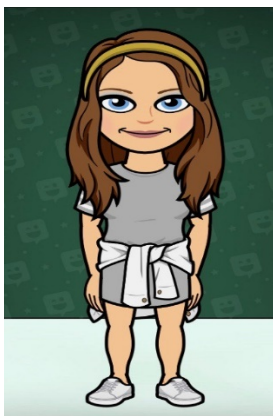
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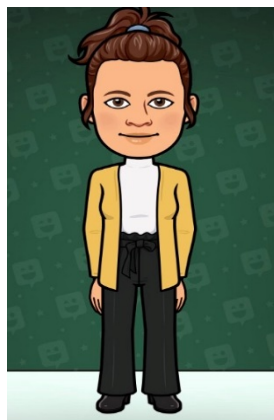
FROM THE VERY START, YOU STOLE OUR HEARTS!

WE LOVE AND MISS YOU ALL!

WE WISH YOU A HEALTHY, SAFE, AND HAPPY
SUMMER!



Miss Alyssa



Miss Alisha

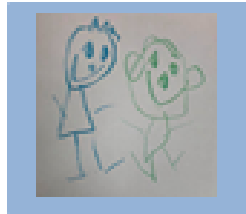
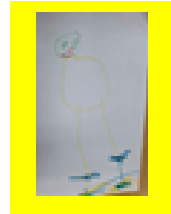
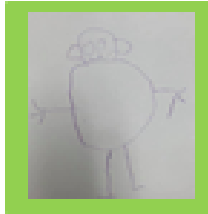


Miss Mary

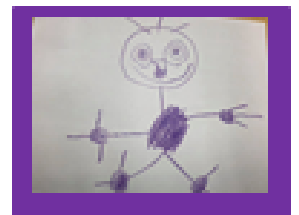
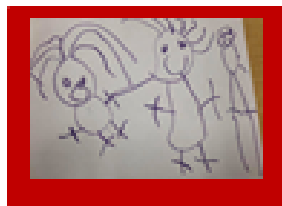
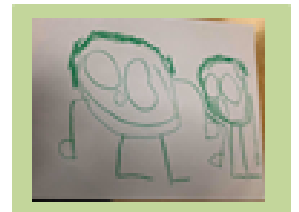
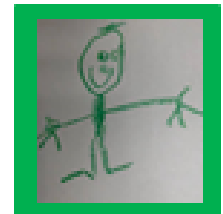
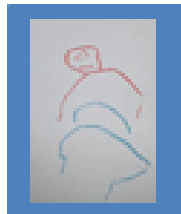
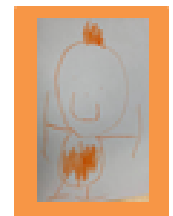
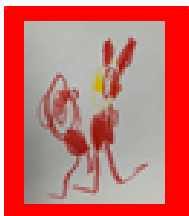
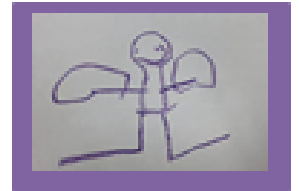
Township Center's Favorite Memories



Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory. -Dr. Seuss



Mat Man



We have been working on drawing Mat Man portraits in our classroom since school began. This activity helps children develop their fine motor skills by teaching them how to properly hold a writing instrument and also helps them develop body awareness; recognizing and recalling what parts of the body we need to draw for Mat Man.

Remember:
Mat Man has one head,
two eyes,
one nose,
one mouth,
two ears,
one body,
two arms,
two hands,
two legs,
and two feet.

Can you create a Mat Man of your own?



Eagle View Preschool

Miss Vicki, Miss Gail & Miss Brittany

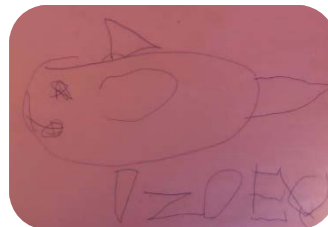
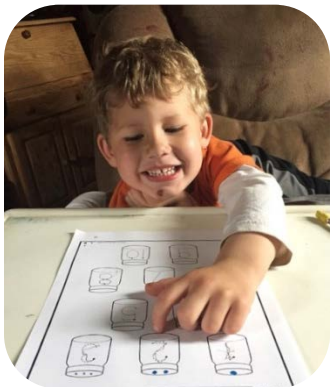
Find the Mat Man song and draw along at the following link:

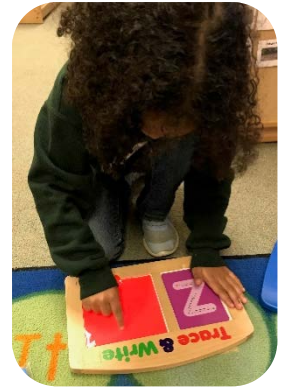
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7J57YewxQ>

EVERY DAY is a GREAT day to learn something new!



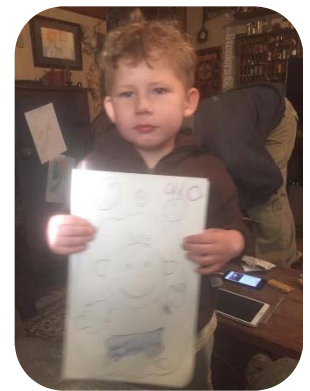
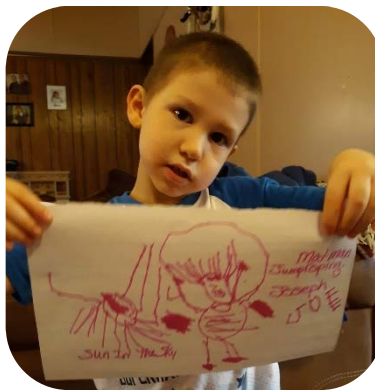
Connecting home and
school makes us a great
community of learners!
Kantner 2019-2020



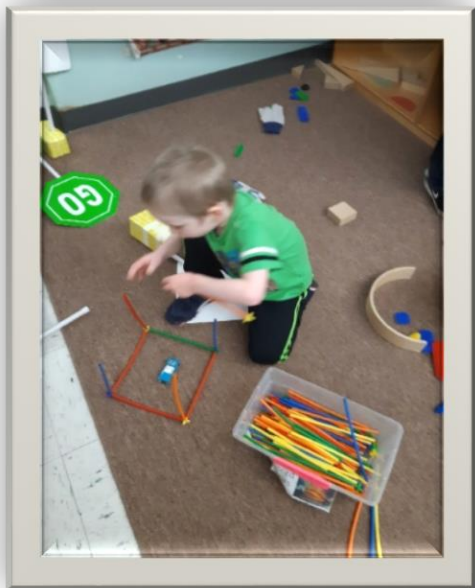


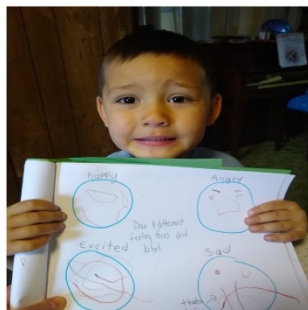
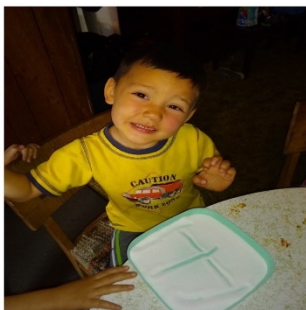
Whether learning at school or home,
preschool lessons will stick like glue!

Kantner 2019-2020

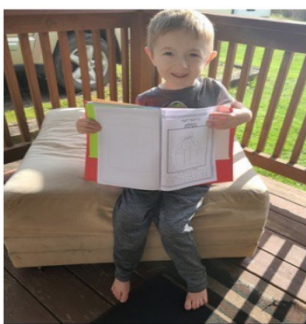


Maple Ridge





To our students
We wish you happiness, love, & peace
for all your days!
We enjoyed being your teachers!
May you remember our learning fun
always in Meyersdale 1!
Miss Denise, Miss Christine, & Miss Angie



Even though our school year was shortened, we accomplished so much learning with the students.

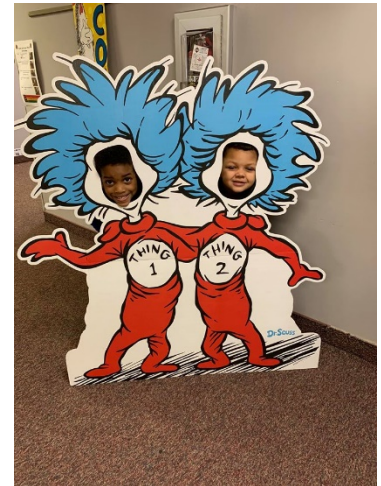
Be very proud of how you all have taken this new educational experience & made it work!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for letting us continue to be a part of your child's education!

Best wishes for a great summer & good transition for the start of the new school year coming up!

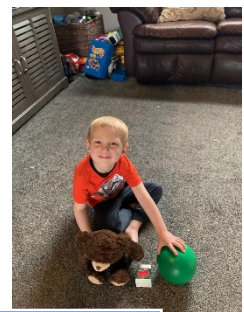
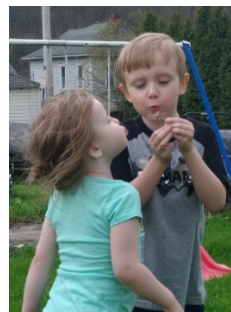
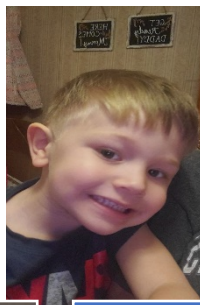
~Meyersdale 1 Preschool ~

Meyersdale 2



During the week of March 2nd -6th, we celebrated Read Across America. The students enjoyed wearing their favorite comfy clothes, patriotic colors, crazy socks, favorite color, and favorite jerseys to school. Throughout the week, we had surprise guests come in to the classroom to read to the children. These guests included parents, Ms. Windi, Ms. Anne, Mr. Pritts, and Dr. Karlie. The children really enjoyed the surprise guests and they loved guessing who was coming. Throughout the week, the children thought that Spider-Man, Thing 1 and Thing 2, Superman and of course their parents were going to show up. Thank you to all of the special visitors that came to read!



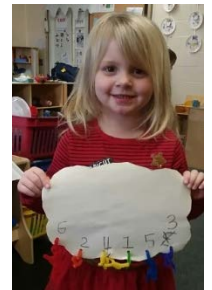


Rockwood Pre-K

We have been keeping busy learning by going on virtual field trips, having spirit weeks, scavenger hunts, and doing science experiments!

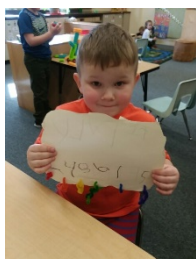
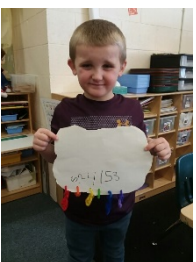


Salisbury Pre-K 2020



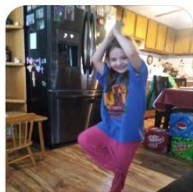
★ SHINING STARS ★

Shining stars are what you are
Illuminate the sky
And after all you've learned this year
It's not surprising why
Reading, writing, science, math
And social studies too
Science, spelling and so much more
Will always follow you
Let laughter, love, and friendship
And happy memories made
Find a way onto your face
On any rainy day
And if you ever lose your way
Just cast your eyes above
Cause shining stars are what you are
And forever you will stay





Logan makes a tornado on Science Day!



Shaylee does tree pose on music and movement day!

Dexter, (via mom), emailed:
Hey Miss Joyce! Dexter sure misses you all! He can't wait to go back to school.



Channing says sock & clock rhyme on literacy day!



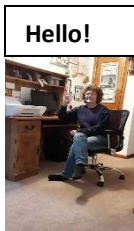
Harper says hair and chair rhyme on literacy day!



On math day, Angela found 5 blue items in her home and printed the number



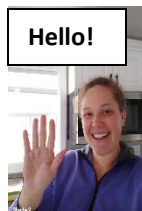
Ameigha's baby, Georgia, wrapped in a blanket for Bb on literacy day.



Hello!



Shade



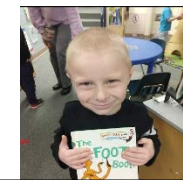
Hello!



Hello



On math day, Sophia made a pattern of orange, green, blue.



On read aloud story day, Ethan read "The Foot Book," by Dr. Seuss.



On math day, Jaxson found 5 blue items in his house and printed the number 5!

Per phone conversation with mom, Amilya misses school and her teachers!

Per phone conversation with mom, Gunner says he misses school and teachers.



Social Distancing Packet/Balloon Delivery Day!

Through text, via mom, Chess answered the question on his received post card, "Name a wild animal." Chess answered lion-Roar! Roar!

Per phone conversation with mom, Elizabeth says she misses school and teachers.



Ava finds items in her house that start with the letter Bb on literacy day!

Korra loved it. She cried 🥹 when they left. I felt really bad for her. Thought it was a very nice thing her teachers did going to let the kids know they are thinking about them.



Alaina's preschool teachers drove up this evening and she got to see them. She was SO excited to see them! Thank you guys!



Fine motor practice



Sorting by color

Tech Center

Ms. Ruthie helps us
listen to our hearts



On the playground



Puzzles with friends



Music Fun at Windber Head Start!

