

Preschool Program Monthly Summary December 2022

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Enrollment

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Classrooms	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Total Children Enrolled	103	109	113	116	118						
*Head Start	64	77	79	80	78						
NC PreK	80	82	87	87	88						
*Other (Title I, Tuition, Exceptional Children)	15	15	13	15	20						

*Children may be counted in more than one category

Head Start Percentage in Attendance

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
All Classrooms	99%	93%	84%	84%	88.97%						
Tryon Howald	100%	95%	87%	89%	91%						
Tryon Roush	96%	94%	90%	83%	93%						
Tryon Smith	100%	96%	96%	96%	96%						
Tryon, Scott	100%	86%	83%	92%	78%						
Polk Central Crowder	100%	92%	87%	72%	85%						
Polk Central Conner	100%	98%	83%	84%	88%						
Polk Central Burnett	96%	96%	82%	87%	92%						
Sunny View Upton	100%	93%	75%	84%	91%						
Saluda Freck	100%	89%	84%	85%	80%						

All PreK Students Percentage in Attendance

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
All Classrooms	99%	94%	85%	84%	89%						
Tryon Howald	100%	96%	89%	88%	90%						
Tryon Roush	97%	91%	91%	90%	92%						
Tryon Smith	97%	97%	88%	87%	90%						
Tryon, Scott	100%	90%	89%	88%	88%						
Polk Central Crowder	100%	93%	85%	84%	86%						
Polk Central Conner	100%	98%	83%	82%	84%						
Polk Central Burnett	97%	97%	82%	80%	90%						
Sunny View Upton	100%	92%	75%	73%	92%						
Saluda Freck	100%	90%	85%	84%	82%						

Family Services

- We enrolled 2 new students this month. Calls have been coming in about next year's application process. Our online application system will be available late January early February for Fall of 2023.
- Our new system software training will take place in January. Amanda has been busy exploring it and making handbooks for the prek office staff.
- The prek visits to Stearns were such fun! Amanda helped the children with making an ornament to take home and reading them the book How to Catch a Gingerbread Man.. Each child took a copy of the book home with them after the visit!
- Family Services prepared and participated in the GingerBread House activity that families attended at their schools.

Support Coach

- December was a busy month with the holiday fun. I helped decorate the North Pole (Central Office) for families and employees of the Polk County school system. The pre-k students from each school also made a visit to the North Pole where they decorated sugar cookies (where I assisted), made ornaments, listened to a story and told Santa Claus their wishlist.
- Each school also hosted a gingerbread house decorating family engagement activity after hours. I assisted teachers with this activity and talked to parents and students in a relaxed atmosphere to build relationships.

Health and Safety

- The pre-k nurse has been attending IEP meetings and care team meetings for pre-k students and children transitioning to the school system from CDSA.
- The pre-k nurse continues to do hearing and vision exams on newly enrolled children. We continue to assist families with resources to follow up on concerns identified during the exams.
- The pre-k nurse helped transform Stearns into the North Pole for staff families to enjoy and helped with the preschool field trip to visit the North Pole.
- The pre-k nurse continues to keep families informed about upcoming appointments for children to keep them on track for yearly well-child visits and every 6 months dental visits.

Education

- PreK teachers participated in a meeting with elementary Exceptional Children staff to discuss their role in serving students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). Toni Haley, Exceptional Children Director, and Gail Spitznogle, EC Facilitator, led this meeting.
- Children, with their families, participated in gingerbread house decorating at each school. PreK office staff attended these events to support teachers and interact with families.
- The Education Manager worked with a new teacher who just returned to the classroom from leave to help her learn the program's assessment software.
- All PreK classes participated in field trips to visit Stearns Education Center and tour the "North Pole" scenes created by the district office staff. Children participated in several activities and got to meet with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Program Management

- All compliance visits are complete with the Division of Child Development. All sites did well and the program is in compliance with the Division.
- We are working on the 2023-2024 NC PreK and Head Start budgets.
- The five year grant cycle for Head Start ends June 30, 2023 so we are working on the grant application for a new five year cycle. This application is the base application when we complete a community assessment in addition to the usual self assessment and new goals are written for approval.