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August is Back to School Month

This month is back to school! The kids at The Little House Next Door started on August 17th. After visiting each classroom, I asked some of the teachers what they're most excited about for the new school year. Dixie Ambriz, co-teacher of VPK, answered with, "I'm excited to be able to see my first group of kids to come into VPK cause they were my first group I taught. I see them grow and progress in their learning." When you start the new year, you will be seeing some familiar faces but also some new faces. Sometimes it can be challenging for the kids when they're starting a new year. I asked what are some ways that a teacher helps the children into a much easier transition in the classroom. Dixie responded with, "We make sure that the classroom is prepared for them. I pray for myself, for the school, and for all the kids coming in. I like to pray for each and every single kid for the school year. Introductions are important and making sure they feel welcomed. We did a scavenger hunt for the kids at open house so the kids could get familiar with the classroom." This helps the kids learn where everything is so that they won't be stressed too much about looking for different supplies or objects on the first day of school.

We had a successful first day. Our teachers shared how



excited some of their students were to be in a new classroom. Students enjoyed the first day activities, such as decorating first day of school crowns, coloring different pages of animals, playing with new toys, and going outside to play with all of their new friends. This kept up enough energy for them to get right back into their new learning lessons. We're already off to great start of the new year. Here's to many new memories that await them on this new journey.



June 2022 Employee of the Month Beckie Taylor

Our June Employee of the month is a role model for all the clients they interact with. This employee advocates for change, instills hope, inspires growth, listens with compassion, and makes a difference in the lives of many. Please join me in congratulating our June Employee of the month, Beckie Taylor.

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DaVita Labs Delivers Learning Kits to HWC



DaVita Labs delivered learning kits to our summer enrichment program, the Homework Club. Every week, the kits matched the weekly themes and included learning tools, supplies, and even treats! There were themes like "Around the World", "Career Day", or like their last bag which was themed as "Sports Week". The students received Orlando Magic jerseys along with a variety of sports equipment, safety tips, and snacks. The kids were

all excited to be able open their bags at the end of every week. The kits helped enrich the learning process so our students are ready to go into the next school year. Many thanks to DaVita Labs for making the transition into the new school year a lot smoother and for helping make the summer an enjoyable one while they continued their lessons. We're so grateful to DaVita Labs has done for their sponsorship.



**July 2022
Employee of the Month
Andrea Segura**

Our July Employee of the month has a love for learning and stretching their skills to conquer new tasks. This employee listens with compassion and demonstrates our value of inspiring growth in others. Please join me in congratulating our July Employee of the month, Andrea Segura.