

SCHOOL-WIDE NEWS

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IMPORTANT DATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VIRTUAL MEETINGS

10/7: Title I Annual Meeting & Principal "Chat & Chew" virtual parent meeting via Zoom. 4pm.

10/27: Family Science Night with Charleston Promise Neighborhood.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

10/16 and 10/23: E-Learning Days/No in-person school.

Data conferences 10/19-10/23 by appointment. Please contact your teacher via ClassDojo for appts.

COMING SOON

10/19: Raising a Reader: take home book program begins for Early Head Start and Head Start

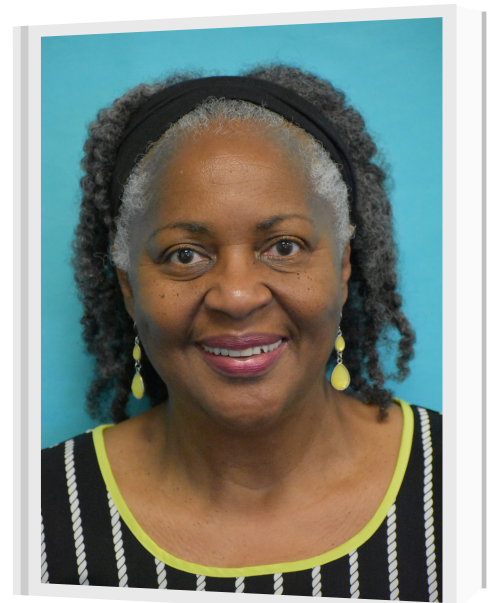
10/29: Jumpstart for Reading: All Early Head Start and Head Start students will receive a free book

DEAR FAMILIES OF OUR LITTLE SCHOLARS,

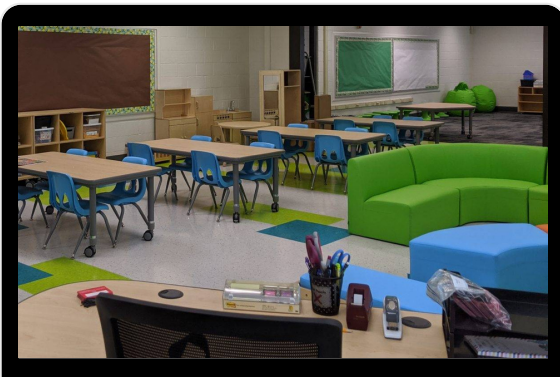
Let me introduce myself to those families I have yet to meet in person because of COVID 19. I am Ruth Taylor, the proud principal of this amazing new venture - Mary Ford Early Learning and Family Center!

I come to you with a wealth of experiences from both the school level and the district level. Being an early learning center, we have an awesome opportunity to focus all of our energy and expertise on children from 6 weeks through Kindergarten—this includes Early Head Start (6 weeks-36 months), Head Start (3 yr olds), Child Development/PreK (4 year olds) and Kindergarten (5 year olds).

We are now one - Child and Family Development center exists no longer, and the Head Start program has been merged under Mary Ford EL & FC.

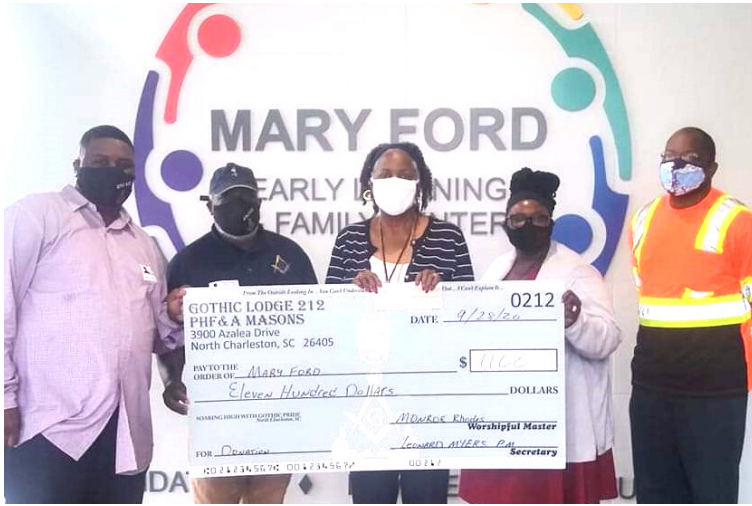


OUR LITTLE SCHOLARS WERE WELCOMED WITH:



- A stellar staff of eager and experienced teachers and support staff
- Enhanced curriculum and professional development trainings to better meet the needs of "all" of our little scholars
- Beautifully renovated classrooms with new furniture & materials
- A new fun & exciting age appropriate play space
- Upgrades to the building's exterior
- Newly renovated main office spaces with safety features, etc.

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS!



Gothic Lodge #212 (pictured above) donated \$1,100 & Shakeima Chatman (pictured left) from Chatman Realty donated \$350 to purchase T-Shirts for every *Little Scholar* at Mary Ford EL&FC

Westminster Presbyterian “Hands of Christ” provided uniforms and school supplies for our *Little Scholars*

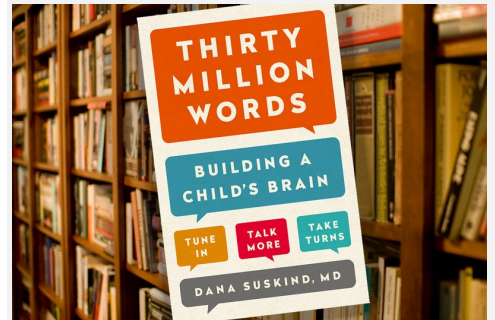


NEW SPACES TO LEARN IN & EXPLORE:



DO YOU WANT TO HELP YOUR CHILD BE SUCCESSFUL IN SCHOOL?

Join us as we CHALLENGE THE GAP with our 30 Million Word Gap Initiative. Research shows that those children who experience an abundance of verbal conversations at home tend to perform better in school! More info coming soon!



MFEL&FC Staff

Each newsletter will feature a different part of our Mary Ford family. This month we are featuring our Kindergarten teaching staff:

Allison Burns: K-A Teacher
Ashley Richardson: K-A Assistant Teacher

Rachel Filcher: K-B Teacher
Demetria Smith: K-B Assistant Teacher

Solvia Jackson: K-C Teacher
LaSonya Washington: K-C Assistant Teacher

Lauren Adderley: K-D Teacher
Jacqueline Campbell: K-D Assistant Teacher

Tanya Willis: K-E Teacher
Sabena Scott: K-E Assistant Teacher (Temporary)

Ann Johnson:
K-Virtual Teacher