

Open House: Striving for Success



The Hancock County Head Start/Pre-K/Early Head Start program Open House held on July 31, 2018 was a success. The wait for the children and their families was finally over as the doors swung open for the first time in a new school year. Children and their families entered through the doors with bursting excitement while being greeted by waiting teachers and staff. Since returning on June 23, 2018, teachers and staff of The Hancock County Head Start program had been preparing to make this day a success by planning awesome activities, setting up classrooms, organizing folders, making home-visits, attending professional development training, and preparing themselves for new and returning families.

Open House was a great way to prepare children and their families on what to expect for the upcoming school year. Staff used intentional planned activities to help familiarize parents with policies and procedures, arrival and departure hours, the Frog Street curriculum, in-kind volunteer time, finalizing folders, food allergies, and early drop off/late pick-up. Parents also had the opportunity to enter their child in a drawing as they exited the building by showing their completed Scavenger Hunt form to Family Service. Parents were asked to keep the completed form to use as a visual reminder to refer to throughout the school year. Goodbye was the hardest thing for the teachers and staff to say. The children cried as they exited the building, but the good news was the boys and girls would return on the next day, August 1, 2018, for the first official day of school.