

**Dear Kiddie Academy of Hoboken families,**

*Happy August!* We cannot believe how fast the summer is flying by - which means we are having tons of fun here at KAH! We want to send a big thank you to all families that attended our StoryTime LIVE! event here at KAH this past Saturday, July 30th, 2016. We had such a wonderful turnout, and could not have made the event what it was without you there! We hope you that you enjoyed it as much as we did.

With the summer coming to an end soon and the fall quickly approaching, we want to thank all of our KAH families for being a part of our community and for allowing us to care for your child during these early and vital years of development.

We are very much looking forward to what the coming school year has in store - and have some fun and exciting plans in store! Our school is definitely growing quickly, so please be sure to finalize your plans for the coming school year and send anyone that you think may be interested in our direction!

Thank you, as always, for your parent partnership here with us at Kiddie Academy of Hoboken. We sincerely appreciate it, and **love** having you all here a part of our family!

Best Regards,

**Gina Palmiero, M.A.**

Director

**Sonal Shah**

Assistant Director

## Happy Birthday!

<b>Sienna A.</b>	Thursday the 4th
<b>Cameron B.</b>	Monday the 15th
<b>Beatrice A.</b>	Wednesday the 24th

**8 Steps to Raising a Responsible Child**

The tremendous responsibility of parenthood, initially overwhelming, soon becomes second nature for most parents. In fact, many of us get so good at doing everything for our babies that as the little helpless bundles get bigger and become adept at doing things for themselves, we keep right on doing things for them. Summer is a good time to encourage your children to take on more responsibility and exercise healthy and safe independence by helping out around the house. Kiddie Academy's Education team shares eight strategies for raising responsible children:

1. **Start early.** Most children as young as 15 months old can understand a simple directive, like "pick up your blocks." Make it a game for younger children who are still learning what it means to pick up after yourself.
2. **Keep it simple.** The younger your child, the simpler your directions should be. Try sticking to one directive at a time until it's apparent she can easily handle that before moving on to larger, more complicated tasks.
3. **Be specific.** Saying "pick up the toys" to a 2-year-old may engender a blank stare, especially if toys are strewn all over the floor and the task seems insurmountable alone. Listing one toy or a group of toys you would like picked up and where they should go will probably work better. Or offer your help if there are too many toys for one small child to handle on his or her own.
4. **Account for extra time.** It may take your child at least twice as long (or more) to complete a task than it would if you did it. Remember this before you ask for your little one's help. Be patient and give your child a chance to take on and complete the task before intervening.
5. **Don't expect perfection.** A bed made by a young child will not appear as neat as when you do it. Remember it's a trade off, and it will get better. Practice makes progress.
6. **Avoid re-doing your child's work.** If you're a perfectionist, you'll probably be tempted to re-fold the towels your child has awkwardly folded. If you must do it, wait until your child is out of sight.
7. **Watch for frustration.** If you sense that your child is trying his very best and still can't conquer the task at hand, offer assistance or re-adjust your expectations. Try tackling a new task together that redirects everyone and starts the slate clean again.
8. **Remember to praise your child for a job well done.** Everyone likes to be recognized for their hard work, children included. Doing so also may motivate your child the next time you ask her to do something.

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## August 2016 Special Events

- We will be sure to make good use of the summer sun before the fall is here! Please be sure to send sunblock and appropriate summer outdoor wear for your child daily and as needed. Thank you!
- Please see the **Classroom Updates** section in this newsletter for all classroom events and activities!

## Parent Reminders –

- Please note that we will be **closed** Thursday, **August 25th, 2016** and **Friday, August 26th, 2016** for our staff in-service training and preparation. Additionally, please note that we will be **closed** on **Monday, September 5th, 2016** in observation of Labor Day 2016. Thank you!
- Be sure to read through our newly revised Tuition Schedule, effective this coming September 2016.
- Additionally, please note that the registration fee is due this September 2016, as the registration fee is due upon enrollment and then again annually in September. Thank you!
- Thank you to those who are referring families our direction! Your support means a great deal to us. Please let us know if you are sending anyone our way (and who) so that we can ensure you receive your Referral Discount after they have been enrolled here for three consecutive months!
- **FOR ALL AFTER-SCHOOL FAMILIES:** We are so very excited for the coming school year! We will be open for full-day back-up care on Tuesday, September 6th, 2016 and open for half-day pick-up on Wednesday, September 7th, 2016 and Thursday, September 8th, 2016. Please be sure to have finalized your enrollment or confirmed your re-enrollment no later than Monday, August 15th, 2016. You may fill out your new Enrollment Agreement and pick up your School-Age Transportation Plans with Administration.

## Photos of the Month





# Classroom Updates

## Infants Wind Chimes

Teachers: Ms. Salena, Ms. Estella, Ms. Monick

### What are the Wind Chimes learning this month?

- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
  - eat - comer, drink - beber, thank you - gracias
- Three words we are covering in American Sign Language:
  - all done, eat, more
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
  - "Five Little Monkeys", "Wheels on the Bus", "If You're Happy and You Know It"
- **August Special Activity:** Wear your favorite sporty clothes on Friday, August 12th!
- New Students & Teachers: Welcome, Anthony!  
Welcome, Ms. Monick!

## Toddlers Xylophones

Teachers: Ms. Liz, Ms. Krizya, Ms. Dana

### What are the Xylophones learning this month?

- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
  - sit, eat, dance
- Three words we are covering in American Sign Language:
  - sit, eat, dance
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
  - "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes", "Old McDonald", "Happy"
- **August Special Activity:** Bring your favorite book for us to read during storytime on Thursday, August 11th!
- New Students & Teachers: Welcome back, Avyan!  
Welcome back, Ms. Dana!

## Infants Ukuleles

Teachers: Ms. Pamela, Ms. Charmisa

### What are the Ukuleles learning this month?

- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
  - eat - comer, drink - beber, thank you - gracias
- Three words we are covering in American Sign Language:
  - all done, eat, more
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
  - "ABC", "Twinkle, Twinkle", "Itsy Bitsy Spider"
- **August Special Activity:** Wear your favorite summer clothes on Friday, August 12th!
- New Students & Teachers: Welcome, Robert and Sayuri!  
Welcome back, Liam!

## Toddlers Pianos

Teachers: Ms. Valeria, Ms. Jeanette, Ms. Khalia

### What are the Pianos learning this month?

- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
  - sientate- sit down, come - eat, la nariz - nose
- Three words we are covering in American Sign Language:
  - hot, cold, bye bye
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
  - "Old McDonald", "Itsy Bitsy Spider", "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes"
- **August Special Activity:** Wear your most fun hat on Wednesday, August 31st!
- New Students & Teachers: Welcome, Alexandra!

## Preschool 1 Tambourines

Teachers: Ms. Sarah, Ms. Alecia

### What are the Tambourines learning this month?

- Monthly theme: "Learning Proper Manners"
- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
  - please - por favor, thank you - gracias, I'm sorry - lo siento
- Three words we are covering in American Sign Language:
  - please, thank you, sorry
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
  - "All the Raindrops", "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes", "I Like to Eat..."
- **August Special Activity:** Wear your favorite color on Friday, August 12th! Bring in your bathing suit for water play on Friday, August 19th! Bring your favorite item from home for Show & Tell on Friday, August 26th!

## Preschool 3 Trumpets

Teachers: Ms. Shayla, Ms. Ashley, Ms. LaTasha

### What are the Trumpets learning this month?

- Monthly theme: "Watch Me Grow"
- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
  - please, hello, one
- Three words we are covering in American Sign Language:
  - sorry, love, stop
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
  - "Who Came to School Today?", "Five Little Monkeys", "Muffin Man"
- **August Special Activity:** We will be baking some cupcakes here on Friday, July 12th! Yummy!

## Preschool 2 Flutes

Teachers: Ms. Elba, Ms. Lis

### What are the Flutes learning this month?

- Monthly theme: "Animals"
- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
  - good morning - buenos dias, please - por favor, thank you - gracias
- Three words we are covering in American Sign Language:
  - please, thank you, more
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
  - "Five Little Monkeys", "Old McDonald", "Jump Up and Down"
- **August Special Activity:** Bring your favorite item from home for show & tell on Monday, August 8th!

## Camp Clarinets

Teachers: Ms. Juanita, Mr. Nick, Ms. Elisa

### What are the Clarinets learning this month?

- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
  - thank you, hello, goodnight
- Three words we are covering in American Sign Language:
  - the letters "S", "E", and "C"
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
  - "Hermit the Worm", "Doggie, Doggie Find a Bone", "Good Morning, So Glad to See You"
- **August Special Activity:** Come to school ready to dance for a Dance Party on Friday, August 19th!
- New Students & Teachers: Welcome back, Mr. Nick!



## Kiddie Academy® of Hoboken Calendar

August 2016

Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 <b><u>CENTER CLOSED</u></b> Staff in-house prep & trainings	26 <b><u>CENTER CLOSED</u></b> Staff in-house prep & trainings	27
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