

Dear Kiddie Academy of Hoboken families,

*"We make a **living** by what we **get**;
we make a **life** by what we **give**." - Winston Churchill*

Wow - *December already!* This past year has really flown by, and we are so happy to be ending it with you all here at Kiddie Academy of Hoboken. We were so excited to be able to spend the Thanksgiving season with you all, and want to warmly thank each and every one of you who donated to our Coat and Blanket Drive. The residents of Hoboken Homeless Shelter were so moved by and thankful for our **gigantic** donation, and we could not have made it possible without you.

December is one of our most favorite months here at KAH - full of holiday spirit, fun activities, and **generosity** - our Character Education trait for the month. Please read inside our newsletter to find out about how we plan to show our generosity around our school and community. Additionally, please read inside our newsletter for some important need-to-knows and save-the-dates.

Let's all make this December one to remember!

Warm regards,

Gina Palmiero, M.A.

Director

Sonal Shah

Assistant Director

Happy Birthday!

Anthony C.	Monday the 5th	Olivia F.	Sunday the 25th
Sayuri T.	Saturday the 10th	Jack B.	Friday the 30th
Zayden M.	Friday the 16th	Cara R.	Saturday the 31st
Amber D.	Tuesday the 20th	Renuka Patel	Saturday the 31st

"I cut. You choose." The age-old process for envy-free cake-cutting between two people (where one person cuts, one chooses the side they want first and the cutter receives the remaining piece) is an exercise in generosity and sharing no matter what your age. Each party both wants a sizeable portion of their preferred side of the cake, but both have opportunities to consider the other person's wants and feelings. Both have an opportunity to exercise generosity.

Generosity is a character trait most parents want their children to possess. However, giving selflessly to others and sharing cherished belongings or gifts can be a challenge for young children. This holiday season, whether you celebrate Hanukkah at home, Christmas with family or another treasured tradition, here are a few considerations for fostering a generous spirit with your children:

- **Talk to your kids about how giving helps:** Studies show that parents who talk to their children about charitable giving can positively impact their children's philanthropic behavior later on. Have a conversation within the family about how we give back, whether money, time or energy, and who we give back to. Talk about the tremendous difference it can make in your community.
- **Give as you receive:** Prepare for the gifts your family will receive before the holiday begins by donating toys, clothes, shoes, coats and other goods to causes in your community. Kids can learn to be thankful for the things they have by donating the toys they no longer use.
- **Practicing generosity at home:** Encourage your children to identify ways in which they can help a family member or sibling with a chore, making a meal or homework. Model a generous spirit for your children by having them help to make a meal for a friend, deliver a box of outgrown clothes to charity or volunteer. It's important for our children to learn that generosity does not always involve money. Cut a piece of cake as a family and talk about how to practice generosity just by cutting and choosing.

Focus on the emotional results of generosity and the good feelings it produces as a way to promote further generosity. After all, giving is the greatest gift. For more information, visit www.kiddieacademy.com.

Happy holidays!

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December Special Events

- **December Character Education trait: GENEROSITY**
 - Here are a few tips for nurturing your child's generous spirit during the holidays and throughout the year:
 - Generosity isn't only about donating money - your time and talents are a great way to share.
 - Demonstrate that generosity should be a **year-round** activity.
 - Read books that highlight the importance of kindness. For example, "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein, "Rainbow Fish" by Marcus Pfister and "The Lion and the Mouse" by Aesop are three top books with a generous theme.
 - Point out examples of generosity that you witness in your daily lives.
 - From **Monday, December 5th, 2016 until Wednesday, December 21st, 2016** we will be collecting toys for the children at the Hoboken Homeless Shelter. Please join us in bringing joy to less fortunate children in our community!

Parent Reminders –

- Our winter Scholastic Book Fair will be held Monday, December 5th, 2016 through Friday, December 9th, 2016.
 - It will be located in our Main Lobby.
- Our holiday treat to all our KAH Families - a *Delectable Holiday Parent Grab & Go* from 4:30 PM-5:45 PM on Thursday, December, 22nd, 2016! Please join us!
- The center will be **closed** on Monday, December 26th, 2016 in observation of Christmas Day.
- The center will also be **closed** on Monday, January 2nd, 2016 in observation of New Years Day.



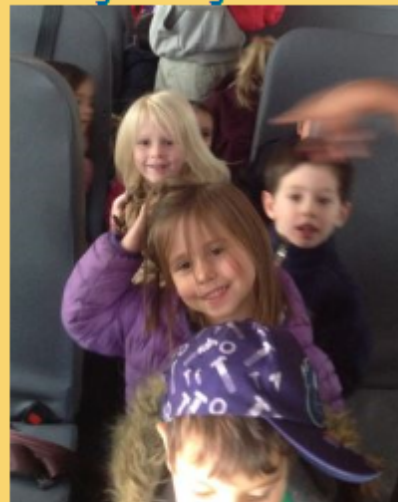
Photos of the Month



Learning to feed ourselves in Starfish! Yum!



Making lifelong friends at KAH



Our first ever bus ride in our KAH schoolbus!

Classroom Updates

Infants The Minnows

Teachers: Ms. Pamela, Ms. Joanne

What are the The Minnows learning this month?

- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - Hi, thank you, please
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - Happy, sad, eat
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "Rain, Rain Go Away", "If You're Happy", "Rock-A-Bye Baby"

December Special Activity: "Scribbles" 12/16

Toddlers The Jellyfish

Teachers: Ms. Valeria, Ms. Jeanette

What are the The Jellyfish learning this month?

- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - Ayvda, feliz, leche
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - Happy, help, milk
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "Weather Song", "I Love You", "The More We Get Together"

December Special Activity: Story with Parents 12/21

Preschool 1 The Angelfish

Teachers: Ms. Shayla, Ms. Ashley, Ms. Diana

What are the The Angelfish learning this month?

- **Monthly Theme:** Generosity
- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - come here, no thank you, milk
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - come here, no thank you, milk
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "Dreidel, Dreidel", "Jingle Bells", "Snowflakes are Falling"

December Special Activity:

Cookie baking on 12/16 and PJ Party on 12/23

Infants The Guppies

Teachers: Ms. Monick, Ms. Tais, Ms. Dana

What are the The Guppies learning this month?

- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - Happy, milk, all done
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - Happy, milk, all done
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "3 Little Reindeer", "Baa, Baa White Sheep", "Mary had a Little Lamb"

December Special Activity: PJ Party 12/23

Toddlers The Starfish

Teachers: Ms. Liz, Ms. Azhura

What are the The Starfish learning this month?

- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - Share, give, more
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - Share, give, more
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "Jingle Bells", "Wheels On the Bus", "Frosty the Snowman"

December Special Activity:

Dress in festive outfits as we make gifts 12/20

Preschool 2 The Seahorses

Teachers: Ms. Sarah, Ms. Juanita, Ms. Alecia

What are the The Seahorses learning this month?

- **Monthly Theme:** "Let's Pretend" / Holiday
- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - Holiday, Christmas, family
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - Snowflakes falling, holiday lights, beautiful
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "Old McDonald Had a Farm", "3 Little Monkeys", "3 Little Ducks"

December Special Activity:

Cookie baking on 12/16 and PJ Party on 12/23

Preschool 3 The Clownfish

Teachers: Ms. Allison

What are the The Clownfish learning this month?

- **Monthly theme:** Friends & Family
- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - family, friend, teacher
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - eat, help, share
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "Days of the Week", "5 Little Pumpkins", "Hello, How Are You"

December Special Activity: PJ Party on 12/23

After-Care The Pufferfish

Teachers: Mr. Nick, Ms. Charmisa

What are the The Pufferfish learning this month?

- **Monthly Theme:** The Letter "H"
- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - Hot, heart, hair
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - Hot, heart, hair
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "Hermie the Worm", "B-I-N-G-O", "Doggy Doggy Where's Your Bone"

December Special Activity: Holiday Show & Tell
12/29

Preschool 4 The Sharks

Teachers: Ms. Aileen, Mr. Nick

What are the The Sharks learning this month?

- **Monthly Theme:** The Letter "D"
- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - Tea cup, dog, holiday
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - Tea cup, dog, holiday
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "The Five Senses", "The Mitten in the Snow", "Five Little Gingerbread"

December Special Activity: Gingerbread houses on
12/22



Kiddie Academy® of Hoboken Calendar

December 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1	2	3
4	5 Winter Scholastic Book Fair begins	6	7	8	9 Winter Scholastic Book Fair ends	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Delectable Holiday Parent Grab & Go 4:30 PM-5:45 PM	23 Hoboken Public Schools: EARLY DISMISSAL	24 Happy Hannukah!
25 Merry Christmas!	26 <u>CENTER CLOSED:</u> In observation of Christmas Day	27 Hoboken Public Schools: CLOSED	28 Hoboken Public Schools: CLOSED	29 Hoboken Public Schools: CLOSED	30 Hoboken Public Schools: CLOSED	31 Happy New Years! *2017*