

Dear Kiddie Academy of Hoboken families,

"For man, autumn is a time of harvest, of gathering together. For nature, it is a time of sowing, of scattering abroad." - Edwin Way Teale

The fall is here - and Kiddie Academy of Hoboken is **very** excited! We have quite the busy and fun month in store, full of exciting events and memorable occasions. As quoted above, autumn is really a time of gathering together, and we can't wait for our Kiddie Academy of Hoboken family to gather together and celebrate our school. Please read through this newsletter for all dates and details!

We are closing the door on September, and thank you for beginning the school year with us here. While things in our Hoboken neighborhood were a bit chaotic recently, our Kiddie Academy of Hoboken community really came together and shined through the gloominess. We are grateful that all of us here at KAH were unharmed, and also grateful for the kindness, communication, and consideration that was displayed by you all following the incident took place at Hoboken Terminal. We are truly so honored to have you all a part of our school.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter, and are as excited for what's coming up as we are! Please, as always, feel free to reach out with any questions.

Best Regards,
Gina Palmiero, M.A.
Director

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Assistant Director

Happy Birthday!

Jessie Gale	Wednesday the 5th	Maria K.	Thursday the 20th
Jessie Goldman	Thursday the 6th	Emilia Z.	Tuesday the 25th
Luke M.	Wednesday the 12th	Jack R.	Tuesday the 25th
Vivian K.	Friday the 14th	Sophia R.	Wednesday the 26th
Mya S.	Friday the 14th	Ms. Elba	Thursday the 27th
Martin C.	Friday the 14th	Ciara L.	Sunday the 30th
Ms. Ashley	Sunday the 16th	Ms. Aileen	Monday the 31st
Aamir K.	Thursday the 20th		

Masks are extremely common in our everyday lives from carnivals and theme parks to cruise lines, sports games and even Storytime LIVE! at your local participating Kiddie Academy! But the month of October, specifically, can be a time when a lot of masks and costumes are even found on display in grocery stores, among home goods suppliers and on lawns around the neighborhood.

Regardless of the prevalence of masks in society, some children can be really anxious or scared about coming face-to-face with someone in a costume – the ultimate mask. Chances are, if your child is afraid of mascots, masks or costumes (even in the month of October), they're not alone

According to KeepYourChildSafe.org, there are many reasons children are afraid of people in costumes citing most commonly:

1. When someone is in a mask or heavy makeup, it obscures their facial expressions, which is something children rely on to judge a person's intent and determine whether they are mean or friendly. With these cues hidden, it causes anxiety.
2. These creatures don't look human, but yet resemble human features just enough that they trigger what psychologists refer to as the 'uncanny valley effect.' In other words, they're creepy. Most people, children included, are ok with cartoons and robots that look like obvious cartoons. But if a robot gets to look too human, it seems to trigger these unsettling feelings.

Kiddie Academy's VP of Education, Richard Peterson suggests the following:

1. **Don't force a meeting.** Parents are sometimes not sure how to handle their child's fear of a costume or mask, but forcing young children to confront something they see as a glorified inanimate object moving, motioning toward them when, in their minds, it shouldn't be, could exacerbate their terror.
2. **Don't belittle their fear.** I sometimes see parents telling their children, "don't be afraid" or "don't be a little baby" and these phrases can actually make toddlers feel more anxious about their fear, along with shame about how they're feeling. Their fear can be better handled with acknowledgment of how they're feeling and respect for their boundaries in dealing with it.

Visit www.KAfamilyessentials.com to learn more tips from Kiddie Academy's education experts and sut@kiddieacademy.com for our Academy's newsletter just for parents here.

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October 2016 events & details

- **KAH Staff Meet & Greet/ Curriculum Night: Monday, October 10th, 2016 from 6:45 PM-8:00 PM @ KAH** - Come join us here for an opportunity to get better acquainted with our Kiddie Academy Life Essentials proprietary curriculum and to get to know our teaching staff, too!
- **Hoboken Family Alliance All Schools Open House: Thursday, October 13th, 2016 from 5:00 PM-8:00 PM @ Hoboken High School** - Kiddie Academy of Hoboken and Kiddie Academy of Hamilton Park will be attending this event to spread the word about our schools to our community!
- **Lifetouch Fall Portraits - Day 1: Monday, October 17th, 2016** - Guppies, Minnows, Seahorses, Clownfish, and Pufferfish classrooms
- **Lifetouch Fall Portraits - Day 2: Tuesday, October 18th, 2016** - Jellyfish, Starfish, Angelfish, and Sharks classrooms
- **Fall Festival Open House: Saturday, October 22nd, 2016 from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM @ KAH** - Come join us for some fun harvest festival and celebration...and feel free to bring a friend or two!
- **Halloween Costume Parade: Monday, October 31st, 2016 from 3:15 PM-3:45 PM on Pier A** - We can't wait to show off our costumes on the Pier - we hope you will come and march with us!
- **Halloween Indoor Trunk or Treat: Monday, October 31st, 2016 from 4:00 PM-5:30 PM @ KAH** - We invite you and your family to trick or treat along our hallways for some Halloween treats!

We thank you for your participation within our KAH community and hope to see you all join us at these events!

Parent Reminders –

- As per our Tuition Schedule, tuition payments are due between the 25th and 27th of each month for the upcoming month. For your convenience, we offer an automatic EFT payment option. Please let Administration know if you would like to sign up. We also offer bulk payment discount options. Please see Administration if you would like to inquire further. Thank you!
- Please be sure to send in a sweater or jacket daily for outdoor Gross Motor Play - the fall weather is definitely upon us!
- With this time of year, we would like to kindly remind everyone to wash and/ or sanitize their hands upon entering the school daily. Thank you!

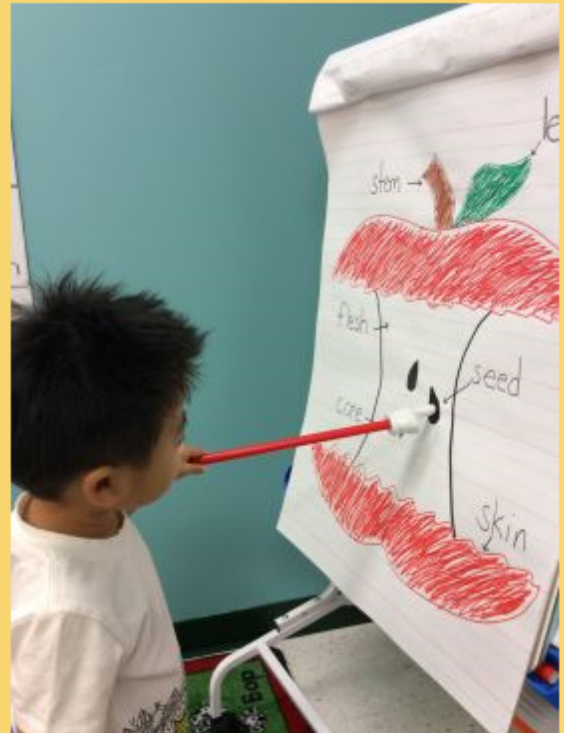
Photos of the Month



Story time in Guppies with Ms. Monick



Gross and fine motor fun in Clownfish!



Discovering the parts of an apple in Sharks

Classroom Updates

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:
 - mother, father, play
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - mother, father, play
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "3 Little Ducks", "3 Little Monkeys"
"5 Little Speckled Frogs"
- **October Special Activity:** Bring your favorite book to school 10/7/2016

Toddlers The Starfish

Teachers: Ms. Liz, Ms. Azhura

What are the The Starfish learning this month?

- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - eat, leaf, drink
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - eat, leaf, drink
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "5 Little Pumpkins", "Hokey Pokey",
"Wheels On the Bus"
- **October Special Activity:** Dress in black or orange to celebrate Halloween and paint mini pumpkins on 10/27/16
- Welcome, Jackson!

Preschool 1 The Seahorses

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

What are the The Seahorses learning this month?

- **Monthly Theme:** October/ Community Helpers
- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - hello, goodbye, pumpkin
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - pumpkin, fall, leaves
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "Old McDonald Had a Farm", "If You're Happy and You Know It",
"Wheels On the Bus"
- **October Special Activity:** Baking pumpkin pies with our Angelfish friends on 10/21/2016! Pumpkin picking on the Pier on 10/23/2016!
- Welcome, Jack!

Infants The Minnows

Teachers: Ms. Pamela, Ms. Joanne, Ms. Charmisa

What are the The Minnows learning this month?

- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - dog, cat, bear
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - happy, bed, I love you
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "If You're Happy and You Know It",
"She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain", "5 Little Ducks"
- **October Special Activity:** Making sensory bags 10/17/16
- Welcome, Ivaan!

Toddlers The Jellyfish

Teachers: Ms. Valeria, Ms. Jeanette

What are the The Jellyfish learning this month?

- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - gato, perro, buenos dias
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - excited, come, diaper
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "BINGO", "This Little Piggy",
"Baa, Baa Black Sheep"
- **October Special Activity:** "Welcome Fall" picnic outside! Please bring a small snack/ finger food for 10/7/2016. Please let us know what you are bringing by 10/5/2016.

Preschool 2 The Angelfish

Teachers: Ms. Shayla, Ms. Ashley

What are the The Angelfish learning this month?

- **Monthly Theme:** October/ Community Helpers
- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - sit, come, hello
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - cup, I love you, hello
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "Roll Over", "5 Little Monkeys",
"Who Came to School Today?"
- **October Special Activity:** Baking pumpkin pies with our Seahorses friends on 10/21/2016

Preschool 3 The Clownfish

Teachers: Ms. Elba, Ms. Allison

What are the The Clownfish learning this month?

- **Monthly theme:** Let's Pretend!
- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - thank you, numbers from 1-10
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - milk, drink, eat
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "Buenos Dias", "Wheels On the Bus", "Jump Up & Down"
- **October Special Activity:** Wear black and orange on 10/28/2016!
- Welcome back, Talia!

After-Care The Pufferfish

Teachers: Mr. Nick, Ms. Elisa

What are the The Pufferfish learning this month?

- **Monthly Theme:** Letter "F" (Fall & Football!)
- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - kick, leaves, orange
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - kick, leaves, orange
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "Going Over the Sea", "Old McDonald", "Hokey Pokey"
- **October Special Activity:** Bring in a flag or item representing your cultural background on 10/27/2016
- Welcome, Mila, Aamir, & Maria!

Preschool 4 The Sharks

Teachers: Ms. Aileen

What are the The Sharks learning this month?

- **Monthly Theme:** Changing Seasons, Letter "B"
- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - leaf, nose, week
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - apple, leaves, special
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "I Am Special", "Apples Falling", "Autumn Leaves"
- **October Special Activity:** Show & Tell on 10/21/2016



Kiddie Academy® of Hoboken Calendar

October 2016

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**After-School Program -
Full Day back-up care**

Happy Rosh Hashana!

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**Staff Meet & Greet and
Curriculum Night**
6:45 PM-8:00 PM

Happy Columbus Day!

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Happy Yom Kippur!

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**All Schools Open House
@ Hoboken High School**
5:00 PM-8:00 PM

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**Lifetouch
Portraits
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**Fall Festival
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