

Dear Kiddie Academy of Hoboken families,

Happy September! We cannot believe how fast the summer flew by, but we are so excited to bring in the coming school year with you. We have a lot of exciting plans in place and are ready to enjoy the fall! Throughout this month, we will be working hard implementing our September lesson plans and completing our student assessments. Stay tuned in October for our Parent-Teacher Conference schedules!

September is going to be a fun month here at KAH - a month full of many staff and student birthdays, new student arrivals, student transitions, and the start of our 2016 After-School program. KAH is definitely growing quickly, and we want to thank all of you for spreading the word and sending so many families in our direction! With this growth, we will also be welcoming new staff to KAH. We think that you will enjoy getting to know them as much as we have! A big change this month will be our classroom names. While we did like the original instrument classroom names, we all wanted to choose a theme for our school that was better-fitting for our location and community. Please see Page 2 of this newsletter for a complete list of our new **o-fish-all** classroom names!

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 KAH community!

Best Regards,

Gina Palmiero, M.A.

Director

Sonal Shah

Assistant Director

THE COOPERATIVE KID

How many times have you seen your children cooperating in the classroom, sitting happily with others and listening intently to their teacher? Yet, somehow they won't even tolerate the idea of cooperating at home? We all know teachers are amazing creatures, especially to the 4 and under crowd, so how can parents form orderly households, just like the classroom?

Learning to compromise, listen, share and encourage are all parts of building good character. If you're looking to teach cooperation at home, here are a few tips from preschool teachers at Parenting.com:

- *Applaud good behavior.* Kids repeat behaviors that get attention so praise is key, especially for children who aren't in the cooperative phase.
- *Have predictable routines at home.* Kids know what to expect in the classroom, and the same should go for their routine at home. Decide on a few habits and stick to them: Everyone brushes their teeth before bedtime; snacks come only after everyone helps clear off the dinner table; etc.
- *Make cooperation fun!* If children refuse to do something, try turning it into a game. A scavenger hunt is a fun activity that requires collaboration and problem solving. Board and card games, such as Memory, often can be made into team games which foster cooperation and team strategies.
- *Warn of transitions.* Just like having anticipated routines at home, children need to know if you're switching gears too. If you need to leave the house early, let them know they have five more minutes of playtime before its time to go.

After children develop basic cooperation skills, give them opportunities to use these skills on their own. Creating roles that require skills such as following direction or taking turns is a great place to start. Maybe it's having siblings sort laundry together during chores, cooking together as a family, or perhaps tending to the family garden. No matter what the role is, you're providing your children with critical skills they'll need for the future...and that is a good thing.

In the month of September, Kiddie Academy teaches cooperation as part of their Character Education program. For more information, visit www.kiddieacademy.com.

Happy Birthday!

Christopher T.	Friday the 2nd	Edden W.	Wednesday the 14th
Ms. Allison	Friday the 2nd	Daniel G.	Wednesday the 14th
Sarah M.	Sunday the 4th	Elia G.	Wednesday the 14th
Abigail J.	Monday the 5th	Jean M.	Friday the 16th
Ms Juanita	Wednesday the 7th	Ms. Charmisa	Saturday the 17th
Ms Alecia	Thursday the 8th	Sasha D.	Saturday the 24th
Lachlan S.	Monday the 12th		

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KAH Classroom Name Changes

To better reflect our community and beautiful waterfront location, we have decided to change our classroom names in the coming school year. Below, please see a list of our new classroom names, effective Tuesday, September 6th, 2016.

- Rm. 126 (formerly *Wind Chimes*) **The Guppies**
- Rm. 127 (formerly *Ukuleles*) **The Minnows**
- Rm. 131 (formerly *Xylophones*) **The Starfish**
- Rm. 132 (formerly *Pianos*) **The Jellyfish**
- Rm. 130 (formerly *Tambourines*) **The Seahorses**
- Rm. 120 (formerly *Trumpets*) **The Angelfish**
- Rm. 117 (formerly *Saxophones*) **The Catfish**
- Rm. 116 (formerly *Flutes*) **The Clownfish**
- Rm. 113 (formerly *Clarinets*) **The Pufferfish**
- Rm. 111 (formerly *Guitars*) **The Sharks**
- Rm. 110 (formerly *Harmonicas*) **The Goldfish**

KAH Classroom Name Changes

We begin our 2016 After-School Program on Wednesday, September 7th! We will be open for full-day back up care on Tuesday, September 6th and will be picking up the students at their early dismissal time on Wednesday, September 7th and Thursday, September 8th. We will be picking them up at their regular dismissal time on Friday, September 9th. Ms. Pamela, Ms. Elisa, and Mr. Nick will be assisting in the transportation process.

September 2016 menu

Please see this month's menu provided by Garden Steaks! They will be introducing new meals with the change in season, such as chili and chicken stew. We ask that you make sure your child has tried these food items first at home, so that we are able to avoid any allergic reactions at school. Thank you!

Parent Reminders

- The center will be **closed** on Monday, September 5th, 2016 in observation of Labor Day.
- Please see the Classroom Updates section of this newsletter for some fun classroom events this month!
- Please remember, as per our Tuition Schedule, tuition payments are due between the 25th and 27th of each month for the following month.
- All items sent to school from home should be labeled with your child's first and last names.
- With the fall approaching, please send in a sweater or light jacket for your student to wear when they go outside. Thank you!

Photos of the Month



We love our teachers!



The best walk ever!



Follow the leader!

Classroom Updates

Infants The Guppies

Teachers: Ms. Monick

What are the The Guppies learning this month?

- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - milk - leche, more - mas, eat - comer
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - milk, more, mas
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "Old McDonald", "Me Song", "If You're Happy and You Know It"
- **September Special Activity:**
 - To celebrate football season, wear your favorite sports team shirts! 9/12/16
- **New Students & Teachers:**
 - Welcome, Ms. Tais and Ms. Dana!

Toddlers The Starfish

Teachers: Ms. Liz, Ms. Dana

What are The Starfish learning this month?

- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - I'm hungry - tengo hambre, please - por favor, apple - manzana
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - I'm hungry, please, apple
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "Apples & Bananas", "Head, Shoulders, Knees, & Toes", "Old McDonald"
- **September Special Activity:**
 - Stamping with apples 9/8/16
 - Counting appleseeds 9/30/16
- **New Students & Teachers:**
 - Welcome, Ms. Azhura!

Infants The Minnows

Teachers: Ms. Pamela, Ms. Charmisa

What are The Minnows learning this month?

- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - rain, apples, fall
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - goodbye, more, all done
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "ABCs", "Row, Row, Row Your Boat", "Rock-A-Bye Baby"
- **September Special Activity:**
 - Handpainting trees on 9/15/16
- **New Students & Teachers:**
 - Welcome, Ms. Joanne!

Toddlers The Jellyfish

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

What are The Jellyfish learning this month?

- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - big - grande, small - pequeno, stop - alto
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - gentle, share, water
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "Five Little Ducks", "If You're Happy and You Know It", "The Cooperation Song"
- **September Special Activity:**
 - Please bring in your favorite family photo by 9/12/2016!
- **New Students & Teachers:**
 - Welcome, Beatrice and Christopher!

Preschool 1 The Seahorses

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

What are The Seahorses learning this month?

- **Monthly theme:** The Five Senses
- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - hello, please, thank you
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - more, yes, no
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "Wheels On the Bus", "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star", "Five Little Monkeys"
- **September Special Activity:**
 - Our students will go "apple picking" down the pier on 9/16/16!
- **New Students & Teachers:**
 - Welcome, Ms. Juanita!

Preschool 3 The Angelfish

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

What are The Angelfish learning this month?

- **Monthly theme:** Jump Into Fall
- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - come here, sit down, red
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - thank you, I'm sorry, I love you
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "Who Came to School?", "Bunny Hop", "Hickory Dickory Dock"
- **September Special Activity:**
 - Pizza Day! Come help The Angelfish make their own homemade pizza on 9/13/16! Yum!
- **New Students & Teachers:**
 - Welcome, Alison, Ava Rose, and Alexander!

Preschool 2 The Clownfish

Teachers: Ms. Elba, Ms. Lis, Ms. Allison

What are The Clownfish learning this month?

- **Monthly theme:** Transportation
- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - thank you - gracias, buenos dias - good morning, let's go - vamanos
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - help, thank you, please
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "Five Little Monkeys Swinging in the Tree", "Itsy Bitsy Spider", "ABCs"
- **September Special Activity:**
 - Come read a story to our class on 9/16/16!
- **New Students & Teachers:**
 - Welcome, Ms. Allison!

4s & After-Care Sharks & Pufferfish

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

What are The Sharks & Pufferfish learning this month?

- **Monthly theme:** All About Me
- Three words we are covering in Spanish:
 - hello, school, hot
- Three words we are covering in ASL:
 - hello, school, hot
- Three of our favorite songs to sing:
 - "ABCs", "Hello Everybody", "BINGO"
- **September Special Activity:**
 - Bring in your favorite Summer 2016 picture on 9/16/16!
- **New Students & Teachers:**
 - Welcome, Ms. Aileen! Welcome, Sophia, Sebastian, Vida, Peyton, Luke, Naveen, and Dylan! Welcome back to all our After-Care friends!



Kiddie Academy® of Hoboken Calendar

September 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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4	5 CENTER CLOSED Happy Labor Day!	6	7 After-School program begins	8	9	10
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