

# Ready, Set, Go

## 4-Year-Old Curriculum



*At 4 years old, children are preparing for school. We get them ready to go.*

Kiddie Academy® is a tight-knit community where we prepare your growing 4 year old for kindergarten. Our *Ready, Set, Go* curriculum is designed around monthly themes with hands-on activities. Children learn math, science, vocabulary and social skills. Everything your child learns each day is reinforced and extended throughout the year to prepare him for school.

**life essentials**® is Kiddie Academy's proprietary developmentally appropriate curriculum and supporting programs, methods, activities and techniques help better prepare children for life. *Life Essentials* gives your child a happier, healthier, more well-rounded foundation for the future. In other words, what children learn at Kiddie Academy will help to prepare them for school and for life.

At Kiddie Academy, we continue the learning process throughout the entire day. Your child will interact with peers and teachers in small and large groups. Through our *Life Essentials* curriculum, children will work at their own pace. They will have the opportunity to discover in our learning centers, as well as outside on our age-appropriate playground.

Kiddie Academy understands that 4 year olds are eager to learn new things. They are enthusiastic to make new friends and are able to do many more tasks independently. We take all of this into consideration when developing the *Ready, Set, Go* curriculum.

### Language Arts and Literacy

At 4 years old, children begin to realize that they can put letters together to make words, and words together to make sentences. Your child will practice writing skills while writing his name and simple words. All 4 year olds love to sing, recite poems and share stories about their lives. We let your child lead the way as our expert teachers give encouragement to help your child along.

### Mathematics

In the *Ready, Set, Go* curriculum, your child will count and compare objects and groups of objects. Your 4 year old will participate in making graphs, completing patterns and measuring things with conventional and non-conventional measuring tools.

### Science

At 4 years old, children are naturally inquisitive, so we created the science portion of the *Ready, Set, Go* curriculum to meet their needs. Children make observations,

chart weather daily and identify differences in the seasons. They plant seeds and record the growth, learn the importance of keeping the earth clean and how to recycle at school and home.

### Social and Emotional Development

Children begin to understand the meaning of friendship by the time they're 4 years old. They hug each other or sit with their arms around one another as they read a book. They begin identifying their feelings. At Kiddie Academy we encourage children to discuss their emotions, to tell friends why they are special and to share enthusiasm for new people and new things.

### Gross and Fine Motor Development

At 4 years old, children have good control of their fine motor skills. They use crayons to turn scribbles into letters and words. They can zip, button and snap their own clothes. During Family Style Dining, 4 year olds will serve themselves, passing food to others and use forks and spoons to eat.

At Kiddie Academy we know that learning happens all the time, not just in the classroom. When your child is outside on our age-appropriate playground, the learning continues. Your child will chase friends, climb up the ladder and slide down the slide, walk like a gorilla and jump like a kangaroo.

### Character Education

At Kiddie Academy we believe it is important to introduce children to a wide variety of character traits. In order to further your child's character development, we focus on a positive value each month; such as, honesty, generosity and patience. This helps children better understand our society and helps them develop into caring young adults.

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