

Dear Families,

We hope that all of our families enjoyed their summer and are ready to start the back to school season.

August highlights includes:

- **July 31st - August 4th, 2017- Summer Spirit Week.** Join us in participating in our end of summer spirit week.

- **August 9, 2017- VPK Open House for KA's Families.** Meet & Greet with our VPK teachers from 5:30- 6:30 pm. VPK starts 8/10/17.

- **August 19, 2017- Kids Night Out** - Our next Kids/Parent Night Out will be held on Saturday, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. As our parents have a special evening out, their children will also have a night out. Our theme is "Summer Fun".

- **August 24th, 2017 Enrichment Program informational night.** Stop by our lobby from 4-6 pm to see what enrichment programs we will be offering this year. This is a great opportunity to ask the instructors any questions you may have. Classes will officially start in September.

The Kiddie Academy Family
2017 President's Circle

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Happy Birthday!

Ivanka, Kelsey, Benjamin, Gabriel, Luis, Ava, William, Alana, Stefan, Cadence, Jamisyn, Devesh, Ella, Logan, Dominick, Evelyn, Jon-Ryan, Kareena, Layla, Kyle, Brendan, Harper, Blake, Laila, Alexandra, Carsen

Back-to-School Transition – tips for a smart start

Yep, it's that time of year again. The last few weeks of summer are almost over, which means the school year is just around the corner. Whether your kid is starting an educational childcare program for the first time, or in their last year of elementary school, transitioning from summer to school can be difficult for both children and their parents. Help ease the transition for your family by following these simple steps:

Manage and address anxiety. Encourage your children to describe how they're feeling about the upcoming school year. If your childcare or school offers a tour, take it. This will help both you and your child feel better about the transition.

Role-play school and childcare. Think how overwhelming it must be for young children when it comes to the unknown! Discuss with children how the school or childcare environment will be different from the previous year.

Ease back into scheduled routines. Sure, working parents don't necessarily reap the benefits of having the summer off, but a less structured summer can be a shock to your family's system once school is in session. Mark important dates on your calendar so your family won't be caught off guard. Establish bedtime routines and pick out clothes the night before.

What about homework? This can seem daunting to children who have spent the last couple months free of schoolwork. Keep a designated space in your house, free of clutter, which your child can utilize and feel relaxed in while working on homework. [Make homework manageable](#) by stocking a bin of essential tools, like pencils and paper, and create a routine that is comfortable for both you and your child.

Don't forget to celebrate. Your kid just started school!! Don't forget to share your enthusiasm about the year ahead!

Check out www.kiddieacademy.com for more ideas on back-to-school transition tips!

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Kiddie Academy® Owners Brings Home National Award

Local winner honored at national educational child care provider's annual conference

Kiddie Academy of Lakewood Ranch, recently received the Presidents Circle and 2016 Life Essentials®, Character Education award at Kiddie Academy's® Annual Conference this month in San Antonio, TX, where 186 Academies nationwide were considered for the program.

According to the President of Kiddie Academy, Greg Helwig, winners were honored for their extensive contributions to the Kiddie Academy system by way of mentoring, leading, and championing the brand's key growth initiatives. Helwig shared that common denominators among Kiddie Academy's Annual Conference winners include ambassadorship of brand systems, standards and processes; commitment to customer service and satisfaction; accountability for staff motivation and retention; and a devotion to building community.

"An important trait that all Kiddie Academy franchisees share is a passion for our industry, our brand, and the people who drive the company's success every day. With so many dedicated professionals working to provide best-in-class early educational childcare in an environment that fosters learning and development, as well as the highest safety standards, the 'best of the best' are truly 'doing it all' and doing an exceptional job," said Helwig. "This year's award winner, Kiddie Academy of Lakewood Ranch exemplify the highest standards of professionalism and caring, and we are proud to recognize their contributions not only to Kiddie Academy, but to their communities, neighborhoods, and thousands of families nationwide."



Parent Reminders

- Please pack a seasonally appropriate change of clothes (including socks and underwear) . Be sure to replace this extra set of clothes as the seasons change and your child grows
- Reminder: We are a Peanut-Free Center