

Dear Kiddie Academy Families!

We start our New Year with the following highlights:

•January 2, 2017: We will be closed to observe the New Year. Happy New Year!

•January 2nd (week of), 16, 2017: School Age Camp (K-5) - The Manatee Schools will be closed (no school for students and VPK). We will be offering camp for school age children as well as additional wrap around care for VPK.

•January 6, 2017: Night under the Stars- Join us for a movie night here at Kiddie Academy, we will be supporting Honor Animal Rescue. Donations will be accepted at our front desk.

•January 12, 2017: VPK Informational Night- We will have an informational night for our current families regarding our 2017-2018 VPK school year. This meeting will be in our Dolphin Room from 6:00-7:00 pm. This will be a great opportunity for all of your questions to be answered about VPK. Childcare will be available in our Seagull classroom.

•January 21, 2017: Parent Date Night Out- Our next Parent Night out will be held on Saturday, from 6:00-10:00 pm.

•January 23-27, 2017: Early Literacy Week- Students will have a special guest readers and will be participating in activities throughout the week to focus on the importance of literacy.

•January 24-2/3, 2017: Parent/ Teacher Conferences- We will conduct parent/ teacher conferences during the week of 1/24/17 for our Stork, Guppy, Flamingo, Starfish, Penguin, Manatee classrooms. Our Seagull, Crane and VPK classrooms will conduct conferences during the week of 1/31-2/3.

•Enrichment Programs- Enrichment programs resume during the week of January 9, 2017. All programs have open enrollment. The programs include: Stretch & Grow, Zumba, Cheerleading, Ballet and Spanish.

Keeping the Calm

Young children like things "now!" But good luck trying to explain that to an impatient toddler. To sum it up, it's probably safe to say that patience is not one of their strongest virtues. As every parent with a toddler knows, the emotional climate can shift quickly. Patience is something that is taught and eventually comes with maturity, so hang in there!

In the month of January, Kiddie Academy teaches patience as part of our Character Education program. Here are a few tips you can use at home when teaching patience:

- Start by talking about time. While one minute may seem long to a toddler, you can emphasize how short it really is by using a timer. You can also talk about events in a sequence so everyone is prepared. For instance, say "first we're going to the park, and then we will eat lunch, followed by a quick stop at the grocery store. After that you can play with your toys."
- While a toddler needs practice learning patience, not every situation is ideal. Running errands or doing complicated activities close to naptime or eating should be avoided if possible.
- With that said, always keep your purse or bag stocked with things to keep your toddler occupied. Coloring books, picture boards, puzzles and small toys are great to start with. Oh, and don't forget some healthy snacks!
- What's the fun in learning when you can't be silly? Goofing around with your toddler is a great distraction for both parent and child, and is entertaining too! Whether you're taking turns doing your best animal impression or changing up the lyrics to a favorite song, being silly together will ultimately help pass the time and teach patience as you each take turns doing something fun!

Need more parenting tips? Visit www.kiddieacademy.com.

Happy Birthday!

Gabriel, Dylan, Arden, Meredith, Nathaniel, Parker,
Gabriel, Mila, Patrick, Marshall, Trent, Weston, Ailya,
Olivia, Hunter, Olivia G, Ava, Eva

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Community Event



This month we will be supporting Nate's Honor Rescue. Join us for our "Night Under the Stars" event. This is an event for the whole family.

Join Us:

Where- Kiddie Academy

When- Friday, January 6th

Time- 6:00 -8:30 pm

Freddy's food truck will be here available for food purchases. Nate's Honor Rescue will be here with animals that will be available for adoptions. We will also be collecting donations at our front desk starting December 27th - January 6th.

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

Family Appreciation

Breakfast

