

Dear Kiddie Academy Families,

Kiddie Academy of Lakewood Ranch is celebrating their 9th anniversary this month! Thank you to our families that have supported and entrusted us with your children.

Mark your calendars for the following events during the month of March:

- **VPK Vouchers are available at the Early Learning Coalition (ELC)** - We currently received an "A" rating from our 2015/2016 VPK classes!! If your child turns four years old on or before 9/1/17, you are eligible for VPK funding. We are currently filling our third VPK class. Please submit your voucher to our front desk.
- **March 2, 2017-Dr. Seuss's Birthday** - Our center will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. For lunch the children will be having green eggs and ham.
- **March 12, 2017- Daylight Savings**- Please don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour, marking the beginning of Daylight Savings.
- **March 17, 2017- St. Patrick's Day**- Our center will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. The classroom celebrations will be held during the afternoon snack time.
- **March 18, 2017- Parent Night Out**- Our next Parent Night Out will be held on Saturday, from 6:00-10:00 pm.
- **March 20th-24th, 2017- School Age (K-5) Spring Break** - The Manatee public schools will be closed for spring break. We will be offering camp for school age students (K-5) and VPK.

## Making Math Meaningful for Young Children

Children are natural mathematicians. They push and pull toys, stack blocks, and fill and empty cups of water in the bathtub. According to the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), all of these activities allow young children to experience math concepts as they experiment with spatial awareness, measurement, and problem-solving.

The sooner your child begins to think of mathematical concepts as a normal part of everyday life, the greater the chance that she will grow up with a positive attitude about the subject in school, and beyond. Here are a few ways you can demonstrate some useful applications of math in our everyday lives:

- **Count all the time.** As soon as they're able, children love to count. Count the members of your family, the number of houses on your street, the plates on the dinner table.
- **Simple addition and subtraction can start at home too.** What happens when you have two shoes and you take one away? How many shoes are left?
- **Get cooking to introduce fractions.** The fraction, "one-third" written on the page of a math book may not have much meaning to a young child, but using a measuring cup, your child can see exactly what one-third really means.
- **Tell your child about all the cool jobs that require math skills.** Explain that, in addition to needing basic math for everyday life (balancing your checkbook, cooking, etc.), a good grip on math skills is critical to some very cool jobs-like that of an architect, engineer, pilot and many more.

Early math is not about the learning of discrete facts like how much  $5 + 7$  equals, according to NAEYC. Rather, it's about children actively making sense of the world around them. Unlike drills or worksheets with one correct answer, open-ended, playful exploration encourages children to solve problems in real situations.

## Happy Birthday!

Olivia, Gabrielle, Savannah, Hailey, Ella, Ava, Brelynn, Colton, Sullivan, Brody, Charles, Owen, Becks, Leyla, Sophia, Braden, Anelise, Jonathan, Katelyn, James, , Aarya, Owen J, Tobias, Olivia W

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## We nurture courage.

The urge to find adventure in the everyday: it needs support before it gets off the ground. Children are ready to see how fun it is to take every lesson in adventurous leaps. They find role models in their teachers and aviators who fly way above every obstacle and expectation. Kiddie Academy CampVentures turns your child's ordinary summer vacation into a summer of exploration. Summer camp is right around the corner! Be sure to check out the amazing summer we have planned for Kiddie Academy students.

### 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

## Love is in the Air

