

Dear Kiddie Academy Families,

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

May 1-5, 2017, Teacher Appreciation Week- Our teachers have done a great job in making KA a caring and nurturing place to learn. Please join us in recognizing our teachers this week.

May 11, 2017, VPK Mother's Day Tea Party- The VPK classes are having a Tea Party for their moms at 11:00 am (Dolphin Room) and 4:00 pm (Turtle and Parrot).

May 12, 2017, Muffins with Mom- Please join us in recognizing our moms for Mother's Day. We will have our treats from 7:30-9:00 am in the Dolphin Classroom.

May 13, 2017, Parent Night Out- Our next Parent Night Out will be held on Saturday, from 6:00-10:00 pm. As our parents have a special night out their children will also have a night out enjoying crafts, a movie and pizza.

May 16-18th, 2017, VPK Parent/ Teacher Conferences- VPK teachers will be conducting parent/teacher conferences. If you are interested in scheduling one please see the sign-up sheet located on your child's classroom door.

May 17, 2017, Ident-A-Kid- If you are interested in having identification cards created for your child please turn in the form found on your child's clipboard to our front desk.

May 19th, 2017- "Jessica Strong" Event- Please join us from 6:00-8:00 pm for a fun filled night here at Kiddie Academy to support our former employee, Ms. Jessica. Ms. Jessica is currently battling breast cancer. All proceeds will benefit Jessica's family.

May 29, 2017, Memorial Day- Kiddie Academy of Lakewood Ranch will be closed to observe the holiday.

May 30, 2017- VPK Moving Up Ceremony- Our VPK students will be graduating at the Lakewood Ranch Country Club at 4:00 pm.

Appreciating Our Teachers

They're loving, courageous, dedicated and patient! Teachers are the heroes who fill our classrooms and stand by parents to continually step up for the future of the children and communities they serve.

In classrooms across the U.S., Kiddie Academy teachers are making a positive difference in the lives of the children and families of communities.

Every day, Kiddie Academy teachers and directors are putting in many extra hours preparing lessons, providing feedback to students and parents, attending meetings, taking continuing education classes and much more.

Kiddie Academy teachers do much more than teach basic skills or offer basic care. Because of these dedicated professionals, Kiddie Academy students are taught to think critically and independently, problem solve, resolve conflict, and work cooperatively with others – often making them stand out from their peers by the time they enroll in Kindergarten programs.

Kiddie Academy teachers are nurturing each student's individual potential and helping them see *Amazing* possibilities. Students might show appreciation with gifts or writing thank you cards for **Teacher Appreciation Week**.

While the month of May has become a time to celebrate and honor the vital work educators do with both Teacher Appreciation Week and Provider Appreciation Day, the National Association for the Education of Young Children ([NAEYC](#)) [emphasizes the importance of showing teachers appreciation throughout the year](#).

Please join us in thanking all teachers, directors, and staff at Kiddie Academy locations nationwide for the important work that they do!

"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." -Henry Adams

Happy Birthday!

Owen, Jeremy, Zachary, Sophia, Miles, Lucas, Norah, Kendall, Dereon, Ashlynn, Zoe, Madison, Ezra, Aiden, Bauer, Livingston, Sejal, Gabriel, Kinley, Taylor, Emma, Mallory, Lia, Zoe, Trase

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May Character Education: Humor

When was the last time you gave yourself permission to laugh out loud? Laughter is fun, makes us feel good and can bring out the best in people. I guess that's why they say laughter is the best medicine, right?

Humor can brighten our lives on a daily basis. When children tell jokes, they are actually playing with language and vocabulary, making associations between words and concepts. This is an important component of literacy education, and that's no laughing matter!

- Usually a laugh begins when something is funny. Making time for playful joking and laughing at home is a great starting point and creates a safe space for your kids.
- Create an environment that allows for humor. Having funny knock-knock joke books and movies on hand are a great excuse to laugh together while spending quality time as a family.
- Play with Words. Challenge your family to see how many related puns you can string together in a conversation. A pun-marathon is great fun for car rides, or even over dinner. Puns help children exercise comprehension skills such as reasoning, inference, and context clues.
- Not in the mood for a laugh? Try smiling, even for a moment. Smiling is the beginning of laughter. Like laughter, it's contagious.

Kiddie Academy helps children learn [humor](#) through our character education program. Humor can brighten our daily lives as we smile at amusing occurrences and laugh at silly situations.

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

NAEYC Week of the Young Child



Musical Monday:



Taco Tuesday:

Work Together Wednesday:



Artsy Thursday:



Family Friday: