

Dear Kiddie Academy Families!

Happy Fall! As we start entering the holiday season, we have a lot of exciting events that will be occurring in the next few weeks.

- **October 10 & 11, 2017- Precious Little Portraits** will be on-site for holiday photos.

-**October 13, 2017 -School Age Camp (K-5)** - The Manatee County Schools will be closed (no school for VPK). We are open and will be offering camp for school age children as well as additional wrap around care for VPK.

- **October 21, 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.

- **October 23- 27, 2017 - Halloween Decorating Contest-** Each classroom will decorate their rooms. Parents may vote on the best room. A box will be located in our lobby. The winning classroom will celebrate by having a pizza party!

- **October 27, 2017- VPK Windsor Nursing Home-** Our VPK students will take a trip to Windsor to trick or treat as well as perform holiday songs.

- **October 31, 2017- Halloween Party-** We will have our Truck or Treat in the morning during your child's morning playground time and a party in the afternoon after nap time. Additional details will be located in each classroom. Please remember we are a peanut free school.

Happy Halloween!

The Kiddie Academy Family

Teach Your Children Self Reliance and Responsibility

Have you heard the phrase "helicopter parent?" The term was coined for parents who hover over their children and swoop in at the slightest hint of discomfort. As parents, we've all dipped our toes in the "helicopter parent" pool here and there, but for our kids it can be a real kick in the training pants! Not only is it exhausting being a bodyguard/tutor/chef/chauffer/entertainer for your kids all day, it's also not ideal for their life skills. By providing just the right amount of support, you can nurture children's drive toward self-reliance.

The key is to begin parenthood with the belief that your child is an individual and has the ability to be self-reliant. Adults can foster self-reliance by finding appropriate tasks for children to complete and encouraging safe risk taking. Scholastic.com offers tips for supporting young children during the early stages in life:

- During the first year, it's important to follow babies' cues and develop a schedule around their individual needs. During this stage you're a team. This helps them feel secure and confident.
- As the toddlers' motor and thinking skills develop, they begin to want to do more for themselves. Try giving them the opportunity to [dress](#) themselves or encourage independence by giving toddlers limited choices: "Do you want a jelly sandwich or mac and cheese for lunch?"
- Create opportunities for toddlers to be independent by placing things at their level. For instance, put bowls, snacks, cups, etc., on the lowest shelf so they can serve themselves without needing help. Try putting a stool next to the sink so they can wash their own hands.
- Preschoolers revel in their newfound independence and are wonderful idea generators. Allow them to help with rules and guidelines for independence. This could mean agreeing on having the older kids set the dinner table, or having the younger ones clean up the toy room every night before bedtime. By holding them accountable, they'll feel all the more liberated.

Teaching self-reliance is an important part of [Kiddie Academy's](#) October curriculum. For more information, visit our website at www.kiddieacademy.com.

Happy Birthday!

Annabelle, Evelyn, Elaina, Avrielle, Nathaniel, Alyssa, Elizabeth, Harper, Linzie, Dayle, Nolan, Ryan, Kaden, Kristina, Keagan, Emma, Finley, Baylor, Griffin, Lily, Easton, Connor, Olivia, Scarlett

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Join Us For
**Trunk
or
Treat**
October 31st



Families,

Please join us in our first "Trunk or Treat" on Tuesday, October 31st from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. We will have a sign-up sheet located at our front desk for families who would be interested in participating in this event. Spaces will be limited. Few reminders in participating:

- Please arrive at Kiddie Academy by 9:30 am to set up for event.
- You are encouraged to decorate your trunk in a kid friendly Halloween theme.
- Please provide enough candy (peanut free) for 160 students.
- Each class will trick or treat "trunk to trunk" at a time.

We are excited for this event and look forward to celebrating with our Kiddie Academy families!

Thank you,

The Kiddie Academy Team

Goodies with Grandparents



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