

Dear Kiddie Academy Families!

Welcome to our September highlights, and welcome back former and welcome new families to Kiddie Academy!

We are very excited to share some of our September highlights:

- **September 4, 2017, Labor Day.** Kiddie Academy will be **closed** to observe the holiday.

- **September 5, 2017, Enrichment Programs start.** Based on our family's request, the programs will include: Spanish, Ballet, Cheerleading and Zumba. We have also added a new enrichment - Creative Wagon. More information is available at our front desk.

- **September 8, 2017, Grandparents Day.** In honor of recognizing our grandparents, please join us for *Goodies with Grandparents* from 7:30 – 9:00 am in the Dolphin Room. Our children will also honor their grandparents by sending home a special gift.

- **September 12, 2017, Smile Dentist Visit-** Students 3 years and older will have a visit from Smile Dentistry to learn the importance of taking care of our teeth.

- **September 16, 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 "Fall Time".

Have a great month,

The Kiddie Academy Family

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Happy Birthday!

Benjamin, Jordan, Alicia, Mason, Kylie, Cecilia, Jack, Marley, Zoey, Emma, Elianna, Jace, Dante, Aiden, Madeline, Nolan, Nathan, Celine, Jillian, Caitlyn, Stone, Hunter, Johanna

THE COOPERATIVE KID

How many times have you seen your children cooperating in the classroom, sitting happily with others and listening intently to their teacher? Yet, somehow they won't even tolerate the idea of cooperating at home? We all know teachers are amazing creatures, especially to the 4 and under crowd, so how can parents form orderly households, just like the classroom?

Learning to compromise, listen, share and encourage are all parts of building good character. If you're looking to teach cooperation at home, here are a few tips from preschool teachers at Parenting.com:

- *Applaud good behavior.* Kids repeat behaviors that get attention so praise is key, especially for children who aren't in the cooperative phase.
- *Have predictable routines at home.* Kids know what to expect in the classroom, and the same should go for their routine at home. Decide on a few habits and stick to them: Everyone brushes their teeth before bedtime; snacks come only after everyone helps clear off the dinner table; etc.
- *Make cooperation fun!* If children refuse to do something, try turning it into a game. A scavenger hunt is a fun activity that requires collaboration and problem solving. Board and card games, such as Memory, often can be made into team games which foster cooperation and team strategies.
- *Warn of transitions.* Just like having anticipated routines at home, children need to know if you're switching gears too. If you need to leave the house early, let them know they have five more minutes of playtime before its time to go.

After children develop basic cooperation skills, give them opportunities to use these skills on their own. Creating roles that require skills such as following direction or taking turns is a great place to start. Maybe it's having siblings sort laundry together during chores, cooking together as a family, or perhaps tending to the family garden. No matter what the role is, you're providing your children with critical skills they'll need for the future...and that is a good thing.

In the month of September, Kiddie Academy teaches cooperation as part of their Character Education program. For more information, visit www.kiddieacademy.com.

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Music & More lessons build on the young child's natural love of music, stories, movement, and pretend play. Age-appropriate activities are designed to develop and strengthen each student's early literacy skills, fine- and gross-motor skills, social-emotional skills, and early math skills through theme-related songs, poems, and stories, and through movement, singing, dancing, and instrument play.

New themes, activities, and stories are introduced in class monthly, and parent involvement is encouraged through the accompanying music, activities, instruments, and parent tips that are provided in monthly sets of Music & More Home Materials. Please check your child's clipboard each week for their music & more sheets for activities that can be completed at home.



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

Learning is Everywhere!

