

Dear Kiddie Academy Families!

We are excited to start our Fall season and have a lot of events that will be occurring in the next few weeks.

- October 9 & 10, 2018- Precious Little Portraits will be on-site for holiday photos. Please check your child's classroom door for further information.

-October 11, 2018, Author Visit. An Award-winning children's book author, Kentrell Martin will be visiting our academy. He will be reading to our 3 -5 year old students. If you are interested in ordering one of his books, please see the order form on your child's clipboard.

-October 15, 2018 -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 15-19, 2018 – Spooktacular Teachers- During this week we will be asking parents to nominate a teacher you feel is "spooktacular". The teacher with the most nominations will receive a special recognition. Nomination sheets will be available at our front desk.

- October 20, 2018 - Kids Night Out - Our next Kids/Parent Night Out will be held on Saturday, from 6:00-10:00 p.m.

- October 22- 26, 2018 - 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 31, 2018- 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!

#### Teaching Children Self-Reliance at Home

Children are born totally dependent on adults to provide for their needs. As they get older the key to success depends on learning to be self-sufficient and independent. Through self-reliance, children can weigh their choices, make decisions and take action to meet their own needs.

During the month of October, we teach self-reliance as our academy's character education value by providing opportunities for problem solving and making choices.

As parents, it's natural to want to do everything for our children; try using these ideas to promote independence and self-reliance at home:

**Choose an Age-Appropriate Task.** Ease into this by finding an age-appropriate task for your child to do on her own. For example, a child as young as two can put on her own shoes or pick out her own clothes. An older child can brush her own teeth. Pay attention to how she completes—or doesn't complete—the task.

Once you choose a task, keep this in mind:

-Resist the temptation to step in and complete it before giving her an ample opportunity to do it on her own. Choose a time for these tasks when you're not rushed.

-Give her praise for her efforts whether she completes the task or not. Try to avoid criticism if it's not done perfectly. The more she does it, the better she'll become at the task.

**Introduce Independence through a Book.** Teach your child about independence by reading books that demonstrate characters having to complete tasks on their own. Try *Bunny Cakes* by Rosemary Wells or *ABC I Like Me* by Nancy Carleson.

**Let Her Meet Her Own Needs.** Sometimes this means placing bowls and snacks at a toddler's level so she can help herself when hungry, or giving your 5-year-old paper towels to clean up her spill. This allows her to problem solve on her own.

**Resist Saying No.** Your toddler wants to "play" with the broom but she's knocking things down or preventing you from unloading the dishwasher. Your immediate reaction is to stop her because you don't see the broom as a toy, or it's impeding on your ability to accomplish something. Remember, she's imitating you and learning to help. Let her pitch in. She'll feel great, and so will you.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Students: Petra, Peter, Elaina, Thalia, Rebekah, Danna, Kingston, Gurpartap, Noelle, Ryan, Kaden, Jon, Lucas, Keagan, Adrian, Hadley, Ellie and Charlotte

Teachers: Ms. Martha, Ms. Lillie & Ms. Jennifer

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## Photos of the Month

### Teachable Moments

Jell-o Eruptions!! In demonstrating the Earth's core and how temperature impacts it, students in our Parrot VPK classroom participated in a Jell-o volcano science experiment.



### Special Events

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Wednesday, October 31st- We hope you can join us for our annual Trunk or Treat here at Kiddie Academy of Lakewood Ranch! If you would like to decorate your vehicle trunk for this event, please sign up at our front desk. Peanut free candy, snacks or stickers, can be donated in the front office for the event.



### Parent Reminders

Parent Reminder 1  
We are a peanut & nut free academy.

Parent Reminder 2  
Please make sure your child has an extra set of clothes in his/her cubby box.



# OCTOBER

# 2018

| Sunday | Monday   | Tuesday          | Wednesday  | Thursday                             | Friday | Saturday                            |
|--------|--|------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| 30     | 1  | 2                | 3  | 4                                    | 5      | 6                                   |
| 7      | 8<br>Author Visit-<br>Order forms due                  | 9<br>Picture Day | 10<br>Picture Day                                  | 11<br>Author Visit- 3-5<br>year olds | 12     | 13                                  |
| 14     | 15<br>Spooktacular Teachers- Nominations (10/15-10/19) | 16               | 17   | 18                                   | 19     | 20<br>Parent Date<br>Night (6-10pm) |
| 21     | 22<br>Halloween Decorating Contest (10/22-10/26)       | 23               | 24   | 25                                   | 26     | 27                                  |
| 28     | 29   | 30               | 31<br>Trunk or Treat/<br>Halloween<br>celebrations | 1                                    | 2      | 3                                   |
| 4      | 5  | 6                | 7  | 8                                    | 9      | 10                                  |

## Classroom Updates

Dear Families,

Kiddie Academy of Lakewood Ranch has purchased a Zono Sanitizing System to help protect your children from harmful bacteria and viruses. The ZONO is a revolutionary "green" sanitizing system that is based upon technology used in the medical device and food processing industries. Instead of using liquid chemicals, the ZONO sanitizes by generating ozone and humidity inside the sealed cabinet. The earth-friendly technology reduces the use of energy, water, and liquid chemicals.

We can put everything from stuffed animals and toys to crayons in the ZONO. The ZONO does the sanitizing for us in a repeatable verifiable way and allows us to focus on the work we enjoy- taking care of and teaching your children.

Keeping your children healthy is our top priority, and we believe that the ZONO is an important part of our comprehensive sanitizing routine.

If you have any questions, please contact the front desk.

Warm regards,  
Marina & Bill Schmidt  
Owners

