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Corona, Corona, go away.....don't come back any other day. With the mixture of rain and sunshine upon us and the world trying to find it's "New Norm", our students, and teachers of course, have been eager to take their learning to a whole new level. Developing and learning how to create, implement and execute on a whole new Extended Learning Program, Kiddie Academy truly stepped up its game. We have really missed our families and friends that have not been able to be face to face but have learned a whole new appreciation for technology and teaching when you aren't able to. We hope that everyone, attending and staying home, has had the opportunity to check out some of the amazing lessons, recipes, activities, and interactions that we have been able to do over the last 2 months.

CampVenture is projected to begin on June 1st and with the "stay at home" order being lifted as of May 18th, we are excited to move forward. We are continuously working on what this might look like this year as some of the activities and events will be changed up to protect the health and safety of both staff and children. Kiddie Academy has updated their Camp Curriculum to allow for extra support to our students that may have missed some of their schooling. We can't wait for all of the fun to begin.

Throughout the month each classroom will be learning about being RESPONSIBLE for our Character Essentials program. From healthiness to cleanliness, we will continue to promote how responsible it is to be healthy and safe.

As we complete our "school year", we are super excited to say that we are promoting 22 children this year from our Junior Kindergarten class. These children and teachers have worked very hard all year long and we are so excited to see what their future holds. KA Promotion was scheduled for May 20th, however, due to the Corona Virus, we have decided to postpone this until a little later in the summer. Please keep a look out for new dates and activities. This is a very special class for Kiddie Academy as it has few children who were first enrolled when we opened in 2014. They have been apart of Kiddie Academy's journey and we are grateful to them for partnering with us.

We are now applying for our third annual update for NAEYC (National Association of the Education of Young Children) accreditation. We continue to strive for excellence each day. This will ensure our execution is on track for this prestigious third-party overview of everything we do in the academy, educationally, operationally, as a business and as a partner with families and the community every day.

We thank you for being such an amazing part of the Kiddie Academy of Des Peres Family. Have a great month! Our doors are always open, so please feel free to come talk at any time.

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