

Dear Kiddie Academy Families,

Happy spring! Please mark your calendar for these events:

- April 10-11th, 2018 Little People Portraits will be onsite for spring and VPK cap and gown pictures.
- April 16th -20th, 2018: NAEYC Week of the Young Child. Each day we will be celebrating different themes to continue with NAEYC learning.
- April 17, 2018: Emergency Response Training- We are asking all children to be picked up by 6:00 pm on this day, so all staff members are able to attend this training.
- April 20, 2018: Earth Day. Our students will celebrate Earth day and learn the importance of our Earth. Earth Day is 4/22/18.
- April 21, 2018: Parent Date Night: Have the kids join us from 6:00-10:00 pm for a fun filled night of activities, a movie and pizza. A sign-up sheet is located at our front desk.
- April 23rd-27th, 2018: Scholastic Book Fair. Scholastic books will be available for purchases in our lobby.
- School Age Camp Adventure (K-5): Calendars are available at our front desk. We have an exciting summer planned with different themed club weeks. Spaces are limited, reserve your spot today!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jaye, Brielle, Ava, Drake, Mia, Jagger,
Bowen, Cameron, Rushil, Matilda,
Mishiayia, Carston, William, Addison,
Josephine, Aiden, Grayson, Pierce

Raising Appreciative Children

Teaching appreciation may seem simple. After all, you can teach even a very young child to say "thank you." But because children are naturally ego-centric, the concept of appreciation can be somewhat difficult for young children to grasp. There are, however, a lot of things we as parents can do to plant the seeds of appreciation.

Model it. Whether or not we realize it, our children get their cues on how to behave from us. And every day, we have countless opportunities to show our appreciation—to the cashier at the grocery store, the crossing guard, the kind soul who lets us slide our car in front of his in traffic. When we consistently model gestures of appreciation for our children, we increase the chance of raising kids who are polite and appreciative themselves.

Point out all the things we have to appreciate. From our family to our neighborhood to the whole planet, we have a lot to appreciate. Start small with your children by pointing out how lucky we are to be part of a family. Ask your children what they like about your family—what things they enjoy doing as a family, and what they appreciate about individual members in your family. From there, fan out and talk about what sort of things you have to appreciate in your community, and on the whole planet.

Let your children know how much you appreciate them. Telling your children that you appreciate them brings the concept of appreciation into focus for them. Demonstrating your appreciation for your child is most effective when you tell her immediately, and when you're very specific about what you appreciate. For example, "I like how you put your plate in the sink after lunch without me asking" resonates more than a simple "thank you."

Keep reminding your children to say thank you. It gets tiresome to remind our children to say "thank you" after they've had a playdate, when they receive a gift from someone, even when you get them a drink of water. But the payoff is worth it. There is no greater reward than when you hear your child say "thank you" for the first time without having to nudge them to do so. Then, you realize, your consistent reminders were well worth it.

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Teachable Moments

Our Penguin students planted a garden this past month and discussed the process a plant needs to grow.



Special Events

April 10-11th, 2018: PLPP will be onsite for Spring pictures and VPK Cap and Gown pictures. Please see your child's classroom door to see what day they will be photographed on.

April 23rd-27th, 2018: Scholastic Book Fair will be available for purchase in our lobby.

Photos of the Month

Thank you to all our families and team for celebrating with us on our 10 year anniversary of servicing our community.



Parent Reminders

Parent Reminder 1

Friendly reminder we are a peanut and nut free facility.

Parent Reminder 2

Please make sure your child has a change of clothes in his or her cubby box.



APRIL

2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Little People Portraits	11 Little People Portraits	12	13	14
15	16 NAEYC Week of the Young Child	17 Emergency Response Training- Students picked up by 6:00 pm	18	19	20 Celebrating Earth Day	21 Parent Date Night (6-10:00 pm)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Scholastic Book Fair (4/23-4/27)					
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Crane Classroom

This past month our Crane class enjoyed learning about being healthy. Students talked about eating healthy, our hygiene, caring for ourselves and keeping safe.

The children were encouraged to use their motor skills with sorting healthy foods, taking care of ourselves by washing hands and learning to stay safe.

