

Dear Kiddie Academy Families,
Kiddie Academy of Lakewood Ranch is celebrating their 10th anniversary this month! Please join us to celebrate this milestone on Saturday March, 24th from 10:00 am -12:00 pm. This event will feature our STEM curriculum, bounce house, face painting and much more!

Mark your calendars for the following events :

- VPK Vouchers are available at the Early Learning Coalition (ELC) - We currently received an "A" rating from our 2015/2016 VPK classes!! If your child turns four years old on or before 9/1/18, you are eligible for VPK funding. We are currently filling our third VPK class. Please submit your voucher to our front desk.
- March 2, 2018- Dr. Seuss's Birthday – Our center will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. For lunch the children will be having green eggs and ham. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favorite Dr. Seuss character.
- March 11, 2018- Daylight Savings- Please turn your clocks forward one hour, marking the beginning of Daylight Savings.
- March 16, 2018- School Age Camp- Manatee County schools will be closed. Our center will be open and we are offering camp for school age children (K-5) as well as additional wrap around care for VPK.
- March 16, 2018- St. Patrick's Day Celebrations- Our center will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. The classroom celebrations will be held during the afternoon snack time. The sign-up sheets will be located on each classroom door. Students are encouraged to wear green!
- March 17, 2018- Parent Night Out- Our next Parent Night Out will be held on Saturday, from 6:00-10:00 pm.
- March 26th-30th, 2018- School Age (K-5) Spring Break – The Manatee public schools will be closed for spring break. We will be offering camp for school age students (K-5) and VPK.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

The Kiddie Academy Family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mila, Olivia, Savannah, Georgia, Cali,
Abby, Ella, Marvin, Liam, Colton,
Brody, Charles, Becks, Vincent, Leyla,
Palmer, Braden, Anelise, Mallie,
Jonathan, Arya and Olivia

Responsibility...it's not just for adults

Whether you've always been a rule-follower, or like to live on the wild side, being a responsible person is something of value. In order to teach our kids what's right, we need to be their first and best role model.

Being a responsible person means that people can rely on you to get the job done; it means that you can handle the task and take appropriate steps to get things accomplished. Young children have the opportunity to take responsibility throughout the day. Did you know that many daily routines require a child to be responsible? It's true! Some toddlers love vacuum cleaners, while others love pots and pans. Why not make the most out of it and teach a lesson in cleaning up?

Kids learn to make good decisions and exercise good judgment by having lots of practice, including the experience of making bad decisions. Adults can help identify a few specific things at a time to focus on until the children become competent at those tasks and are ready for new challenges. Here are a few easy tips to start with:

- Let them try and fail. Your kids will never learn how to do something well if you do not give them many chances to learn how. Let them learn how to do it just like you did - the wrong way, their way and then the right way.
 - Let them clean up their own mess. While it may be easier in the short term to just clean up after your toddler, it's very important that kids develop the sense of responsibility that comes from knowing they can sort out their own messes.
 - Be responsible together. Everyone in the family can help to set the table. You can set the dishes, glasses and breakable items, while your child places a napkin next to each plate. Older preschoolers can learn how to place knives, forks and spoons.
 - Break responsibilities into small, easy-to-do tasks that are age appropriate for young children. For example, keep a laundry basket or bucket handy for your child to place his or her toys in when picking them up off the floor.
- In the month of March, Kiddie Academy teaches responsibility as part of their character education program. For more information, visit www.kiddieacademy.com.

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Photos of the Month

Valentine's Day Celebrations

VPK

Our Kindergarten curriculum allows students to explore early scientific method skills within our environment. We are currently accepting vouchers for the 2018-2019 school year. We only have a few spots remaining.



Special Events

- **March 2, 2018: Dr. Seuss's Birthday Celebrations:** Students may dress up as their favorite Dr. Seuss character.
- **March 16, 2018: St. Patrick's Day Celebrations:** Students are encouraged to wear green. Students will have a celebration during his/her afternoon snack time.
- **March 24, 2018: 10 Year Anniversary Event:** Join us for our 10 year anniversary celebration here at Kiddie Academy from 10 am - 12 pm. We will be featuring our STEM curriculum, bounce house, face painting, games and light refreshments.



Parent Reminders

Parent Reminder 1

We are a peanut and nut free center.

Parent Reminder 2

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



MARCH

2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 <i>Character Education: Responsibility</i>	26	27	28	1 VPK(18/19) vouchers are available	2 Dr. Seuss's Birthday	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Daylight Savings- Turn clocks forward one hour	12	13	14	15	16 Manatee County Schools Closed- Camp offered (K-5) St. Patrick's Day Celebrations	17 Parent Date Night 6-10pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 10 year Anniversary event: 10 am -12 pm
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Manatee County Schools Closed 3/26-3/30: Camp offered(K-5)						
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Classroom Updates

Our Toddler curriculum is designed to support each child as they grow and develop as a whole child through their daily care routines and play. Social and emotional development is integrated throughout the curriculum as it is the foundation and a part of every interaction and experience.

