

Dear Kiddie Academy Families,

Happy Spring and Happy Mother's Day!  
Please mark your calendar for these events:

May 7-11, 2018, Teacher Appreciation Week- Our teachers have done a great job in making KA a caring and nurturing place to learn. Please join us in recognizing our teachers this week.

May 9-10, 2018, VPK Mother's Day Tea Party- The VPK classes are having a Tea Party for their moms. 5/9: Turtle class at 4:00 pm. 5/10: Dolphin Class at 11:00 am and Parrot class at 4:00 pm.

May 11, 2018, Muffins with Mom- Please join us in recognizing our moms for Mother's Day. We will have our treats from 7:30-9:00 am in the Dolphin Classroom.

May 19, 2018, Parent Night Out- Our next Parent Night Out will be held on Saturday, from 6:00-10:00 pm.

May 15-17th, 2018, VPK Parent/ Teacher Conferences- VPK teachers will be conducting parent/teacher conferences. If you are interested in scheduling one please see the sign-up sheet located on your child's classroom door.

May 28, 2018, Memorial Day- Kiddie Academy of Lakewood Ranch will be closed to observe the holiday.

May 29, 2018- VPK Moving Up Ceremony- Our VPK students will be graduating at the Lakewood Ranch Country Club at 4:00 pm.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jeremy, Zachary, Miles, Kendall, Dereon,  
Ashlynn, Zoe, Madison, Ezra, Livingston,  
Gabriel, Alexandra, Emma, Mallory, Lia, Zoe,  
Raelynn, Camryn

### What's So Funny Anyway?

The power of humor benefits everyone, especially our youngsters. Children find so many different things funny, from silly sounding words and bodily functions to songs and knock-knock jokes.

A good sense of humor is a tool that kids can rely on throughout life. Adults have the opportunity to use comedy and humor as a teaching instrument to help children enjoy and participate in the playful aspects of life and not take themselves too seriously. Try these fun activities to encourage humor in your house:

·Tag you're it! Take this classic game and turn it into a giggle fest with your family after dinner on a warm spring night! If someone is tagged they can only unfreeze after another family member does something silly to make them giggle.

·Host your own karaoke or "open mike" night and encourage your entire family to play along, singing or telling jokes.

·Read a fun book at bedtime, such as The Cat in the Hat or Sheep in a Jeep and talk about what makes the books so funny.

·Create your own family circus and become clowns for the day. Have everyone dress in silly costumes and encourage everyone to show off their best trick. It's sure to be fun for everyone!

Finding laughter in our daily lives can relieve stress, ease depression, loosen muscles and strengthen relationships. So...what are you waiting for? Start yukking it up with your kids and enjoy what makes life fun – humor!

It's never too early to start developing a child's sense of humor. In the month of May, Kiddie Academy teaches children about humor as part of their character education program. For more information, visit [www.kiddieacademy.com](http://www.kiddieacademy.com).

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## Teachable Moments

*This month our VPK students have been watching and learning about the life cycle of a butterfly!*



## Photos of the Month

*This month we celebrated "Earth Day", students learned different ways to help the environment and take care of our earth.*



## Special Events

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## 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.



# MAY

# 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Teacher Appreciation Week	8	9 Turtle VPK- Tea Party @ 4	10 Dolphin VPK Tea Party @ 11 Parrot VPK- Tea Party @ 4	11 Muffins with Mom: 7:30-9	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Parents Night Out: 6-10pm
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day: KA CLOSED	29 VPK Graduation: LWR Country Club at 4:00 pm	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

# Turtle Classroom

This past month our Turtle VPK students enjoyed learning about plant and animal needs. Students talked about different life cycles and how plants live. During the month, students added to their living wall as they learned about different items in our environment.

The students also discussed this month our monthly character trait- appreciation. Students were encouraged to write about ways to show appreciation.

