

Dear Kiddie Academy Families!

Welcome to the Harvest Season! Thank you to all of the parents that participated in our "Trunk or Treat". The holidays are coming and we have many events to share below:

-November 1, 2018: Operation Gratitude- Now through November 7th we are collecting any unwanted Halloween candy for our troops, thanking them for fighting for our country.

-November 5-9, 2018: Scholastic Book Fair- Scholastic books will be available for purchase in our lobby.

-November 5-16, 2018: Mayors Feed the Hungry. This Thanksgiving food drive we will be collecting non-perishable food items. If you would like to participate, food bins are located in our front lobby.

-November 12, 19-21st ,2018: School Age Camp (K-5) - The Manatee County Schools will be closed (no school for school age students and VPK). We will be offering camp for school age students and additional wrap around care for VPK.

-November 17, 2018: Parent Date Night- Our next Kids/ Parent Night Out will be held on Saturday, from 6:00-10:00pm.

-November 21, 2018: Harvest Fest- During the month of November the children will focus on the value of families and the important role families members have in our life. We will have a harvest fest celebration focusing on the values of Thanksgiving.

-November 22-23rd, 2018: Closed- Kiddie Academy will be closed to observe Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving,

The Kiddie Academy Family
2018 President's Circle

Building Math Skills Should Begin Early

According to a new study of middle school students conducted by the University of Missouri, children who lagged behind their peers in a test of core math skills needed to function as adults were the same kids who also showed the least number sense or fluency when they started first grade. As reported by The Associated Press, "The gap they started with, they don't close it," says Dr. David Geary, a cognitive psychologist who leads the study. "They're not catching up to the kids who started ahead." This is further proof of the importance of an education-based preschool program.

Math skills are an important part of Kiddie Academy's Life Essentials[®] curriculum, designed to prepare your child for lifelong success. Understanding numbers, sequencing and comparing and contrasting sets of objects are all components of building your child's math skills. Beginning as young as a year old, children can explore number concepts. As your children grow, you can reinforce the importance of math and point out examples of math concepts in your daily routine. Here are a few math activities to try at home:

- Count the members of your family, the number of houses on your street, the plates on the dinner table. As your child's number confidence grows, increase the number of things counted.
- Play simple addition and subtraction games. What happens when you have two shoes and you take one away? How many shoes are left? What if you take your fingers from your left hand and add them to the fingers on your right hand? How many do you have altogether?
- Point out numbers you see in your world - from road signs to cereal boxes, numbers are everywhere!
- Use manipulatives to demonstrate number concepts. Naturally, you'll need to steer clear of choking hazards. However with supervision, crayons, blocks, candy - any easily manipulated objects can give children practice they need counting, adding, subtracting and even multiplying. Many children are visual learners, and it helps for them to physically manipulate small objects that they can take away, add or simply count.
- Cooking together is a great way to illustrate fractions. Measuring ingredients provides a visual example of fractions at work.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Students: Sofia, Kalia, Payton, John, Rafael, Brycen, Grant, Annabell, Kinsley, Colton, Caleb, Kara, Graham, Vanessa, Adrian, Parks, Sophia, Stella, Josefina, Carter, Reagan, Makenzie, Jayden

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Teachable Moments

Our Flamingo- Toddler classroom enhanced their sensory skills with this hands on pumpkin activity. Students were able to explore and feel the outside and inside of a pumpkin.



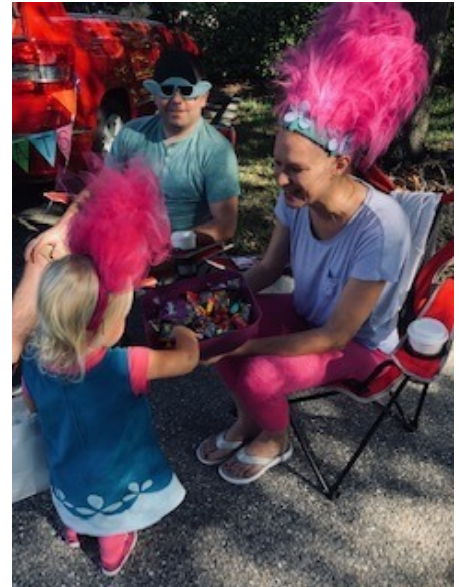
Special Events

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Photos of the Month

Trunk or Treat 2018



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.



Thank you to the Manatee Chamber for having our VPK students come over to "Trick or Treat" on Halloween.



NOVEMBER

2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 Operation Gratitude- Now - 11/7	2	3
4	5 Mayors Feed the Hungry: 11/5-11/16 Scholastic Book Fair:11/5-11/9	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Manatee County Schools Closed : KA Open	13	14	15	16	17 Parent Date Night (6-10pm)
18	19 Manatee County Schools Closed- Camp offered	20	21	22 Kiddie Academy Closed: Happy Thanksgiving	23 Kiddie Academy: Closed	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

What's new in Starfish?

This month, students practiced Self-Reliance as our Starfish friends started to form a sense of independence. Students learned more about colors and shapes, identifying between light and dark or big and small.

Students increased their fine motor skills by creating masterpieces in unique ways such as painting with feathers and toothbrushes.

In addition, students celebrated Halloween and the students bonded with each other by "Trick or Treating" and creating spooktacular art pieces.

The Starfish teachers eagerly anticipate the adventures awaiting next month for our Starfish students.

