

Dear Kiddie Academy Families,  
Please mark your calendars for exciting events happening around school this month:

December 5-6th, 2018- VPK Winter Celebration- VPK parents are invited to join us for a Winter Celebration! Please see your child's classroom door for their celebration day & time.

December 8, 2018, (Saturday) - Family Appreciation Holiday Breakfast- Our Kiddie Academy team is inviting our families to a Holiday Continental Breakfast from 9- 11:00 am. A sign-up sheet is located at our front desk.

December 10-14, 2018 - Classroom Decorating Contest. Our classrooms will have a holiday room decorating contest. Voting sheets will be located at our front desk. Winning class will receive a pizza party!

December 15, 2018 (Saturday) - Parents Holiday Shopping Day -This will be held on Saturday, from 9:00-1:00 p.m. Students will have a fun filled morning filled with crafts, a movie and a breakfast snack. Sign up at the front desk.

December 17-21, 2018 – Holiday Spirit Week- Students are encouraged to participate in our holiday spirit week.

December 21, 2017 - Holiday Party- Each classroom will have their holiday party during their regularly scheduled afternoon snack time.

December 24th-January 7th, 2018 -School Age Camp (K-5) - The Manatee Schools will be closed (no school for students and VPK). We will be offering camp for school age children.

December (week of) 24th, 2018 & January 31st, 2018. Enrichment programs will continue until 12/22 and will resume during the week of January 7, 2019.

December 24th & December 31st, 2018: Christmas Eve/ New Year's Eve - Kiddie Academy will be closing at 3:00 pm.

December 25-26th, 2018 & January 1, 2019- Kiddie Academy will be closed for the holidays.

Generosity: Giving as You are Receiving

"I cut. You choose." The age-old process for envy-free cake-cutting between two people (where one person cuts, one chooses the side they want first and the cutter receives the remaining piece) is an exercise in generosity and sharing no matter what your age. Each party both wants a sizeable portion of their preferred side of the cake, but both have opportunities to consider the other person's wants and feelings. Both have an opportunity to exercise generosity.

Generosity is a character trait most parents want their children to possess. However, giving selflessly to others and sharing cherished belongings or gifts can be a challenge for young children. This holiday season, whether you celebrate Hanukkah at home, Christmas with family or another treasured tradition, here are a few considerations for fostering a generous spirit with your children:

Talk to your kids about how giving helps: Studies show that parents who talk to their children about charitable giving can positively impact their children's philanthropic behavior later on. Have a conversation within the family about how we give back, whether money, time or energy, and who we give back to. Talk about the tremendous difference it can make in your community.

Give as you receive: Prepare for the gifts your family will receive before the holiday begins by donating toys, clothes, shoes, coats and other goods to causes in your community. Kids can learn to be thankful for the things they have by donating the toys they no longer use.

Practicing generosity at home: Encourage your children to identify ways in which they can help a family member or sibling with a chore, making a meal or homework. Model a generous spirit for your children by having them help to make a meal for a friend, deliver a box of outgrown clothes to charity or volunteer. It's important for our children to learn that generosity does not always involve money. Cut a piece of cake as a family and talk about how to practice generosity just by cutting and choosing.

Focus on the emotional results of generosity and the good feelings it produces as a way to promote further generosity. After all, giving is the greatest gift. For more information, visit [www.kiddieacademy.com](http://www.kiddieacademy.com). Happy holidays!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Students: Carter, Madisyn, Violet, Fiona, Connor, Adalind, Savannah, Miranda, Owen, Noah, Thomas, Mason, Samuel, Sophia, Skye, and Addison  
Teachers: Ms. Kaleigh and Ms. Brooke

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## Photos of the Month

# November Highlights

Students had a harvest feast celebration during the month focusing on the values of Thanksgiving



## Teachable Moments

In honor of Veterans Day, our Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten students discussed the meaning of this day and created thank you notes for their service.

## Special Events

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## 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.



# DECEMBER

# 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5 Turtle VPK Winter Celebration: 4PM	6 Dolphin Winter Celebration: 11 AM Parrot VPK Winter Celebration: 4 PM	7	8 Family Appreciation Holiday Breakfast 9-11 am
9	10 Classroom Decorating Contest 12/10-12/14	11	12	13	14	15 Parents Shopping Day (9 am -1 pm)
16	17 Holiday Spirit Week 12/17-12/21	18	19	20	21 Classroom Holiday Parties: PM Snack	22
23	24 School is closing at 3:00 pm	25 Kiddie Academy Closed: Happy Holidays!	26 Kiddie Academy: Closed	27	28	29
30	31 School is closing at 3:00 pm	1	2	3	4	5

# What's new in Penguin?

This month, our Penguin class focused on compassion and how we can apply it within the classroom. We discussed how to help each other.

Our learning focuses for this past month were identifying shapes, saying our numbers in Spanish and learning the difference between big and small.

During art, students have been discovering and experimenting with mixing colors and learning the names of each color.

We have a lot of exciting things happening next month as we prepare for the holiday season.

