

Dear Kiddie Academy Families,

We look forward to celebrating Valentine's Day & President's Day with your children this month. We will have a VERY special surprise in our lobby for all of our students on 2/14. We look forward to watching your children enjoy this treat.

Please mark your calendars for the following events during the month of February:

- February, 2019- VPK Vouchers are available at the Early Learning Coalition (ELC) - We currently received an "A" rating from our 2009-2018 VPK classes!! If your child turns four years old on or before 9/1/19, you are eligible for VPK funding. You may obtain your voucher through ELC and submit it at our front desk.

- February 4, 2019- Walk MS- During the month of February we will be participating in a "Walk MS" fundraiser, honoring one of our KA families. Each classroom will have their own extra change jar. Feel free to donate any spare change. All donations will be donated to Walk Ms. Winning classroom will celebrate with a pizza party!

- February 14, 2019- Valentine's Day Party- Our center will be celebrating Valentine's Day. The classroom parties will be held during the afternoon snack time. The sign-up sheets will be located on each classroom door.

- February 15, 2019- Valentine's Dance- Join us as we celebrate love in the sweetest way. See the front desk to sign up and purchase your tickets. We will have face painting, music, refreshments, treats and more!

- February 16, 2019-Parent Night Out- Our next Parent Night Out will be held on Saturday, from 6:00-10:00 pm. As our parents have a special night out in honor of Valentine's Day, their children will have a fun filled night here with their Kiddie Academy friends.

- February 18, 2019-School Age Camp (K-5) - The Manatee schools will be closed in honor of President's Day. Our center will be open and we are offering camp for school-age children as well as additional wrap around care for VPK. A sign-up sheet is located at our front desk.

- February 19, 2019- VPK Dentist Visit- In honor of National Children's Dental Health Month our VPK students will have a special visit from our local dentist office to learn the importance of taking care of our teeth.

The Kiddie Academy Family

Can respect be taught? You bet it can!

Respect is the ability to recognize and appreciate the rights, beliefs, practices and differences of other people. While respect includes good manners, the core of the behavior goes deeper than politeness.

Adults are strong role models for children when it comes to showing respect. In the month of February, Kiddie Academy finds ways to value each child, every day, for what they bring to our community. As parents, you can encourage and teach your child to be respectful by following these easy tips:

- Be compassionate. Even young children deserve respect so it's important to be considerate towards them. Children who grow up in supportive families are more likely to develop healthy self-respect.
- Let there be rules. Rules are essential reminders for kids to curb their impulses. Set reasonable boundaries, and let children know what is expected of them.
- Practice makes perfect. From table manners, to using "please" and "thank you" as outward expressions, practicing courtesy will help make the process of learning respect much smoother. Things like sitting at the table and chewing with your mouth closed are good places to start.
- Help them to disagree. You've heard the saying before ... "treat others as you want to be treated." Most children who have a different opinion aren't trying to be disrespectful; they just need a little help responding appropriately. Ask children to tell you what they want or need. Emphasize using language, rather than grunts, shoves or hits.
- Praise respectful behavior. Recognize and praise how hard your child is trying. The encouragement will go a long way. It's a simple as that.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Students: Jordan P, Jaylen, Jaxson D, Reese, Wyatt, Noah C, Mia G, Layla T, Tye, Madison K, J'lynn, Eric, Connor, Zachery, Colton and Liam B.
Teachers: Ms. Sam & Ms. Alex M.

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Teachable Moments

Our Stork classroom participates in circle time daily! Our infant students love storytime.



Special Events

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Photos of the Month

Students participated in different activities to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Students celebrated 100 days of school!

Parent Reminders

Parent Reminder 1

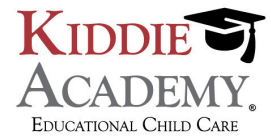
Please be mindful when driving in and out of the parking lot. We are full of little ones and we do not want anyone to get hurt or your vehicles to get hit.

Parent Reminder 2

Please allow enough time to pick up your child. All children need to be picked up by 6:15 pm. Kiddie Academy closes at 6:30 pm.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 2019-2020 VPK Vouchers are available!	2
3	4 Walk MS Fundraiser starts!	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day Party	15 Valentine's Dance 7-9 pm	16 Parent Date Night (6-10 pm)
17	18 School-Age Camp (K-5)	19 VPK Dentist Visit	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

Classroom Updates

VPK

Our "On My Way" curriculum is a comprehensive, integrated curriculum, aligned with the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Mathematics. Our integrated curriculum provides students with learning and social activities to meet his/her needs.

