

Dear Kiddie Academy Families,

Happy spring! Please mark your calendar for these events:

- April 8th -12th, 2019: NAEYC Week of the Young Child. Each day we will be celebrating different themes to continue with NAEYC learning.
- April 9-10th, 2019 Little People Portraits will be onsite for spring and VPK cap and gown pictures.
- April 19, 2019: Easter Celebrations. Students will have an egg hunt during their morning playground time. The classroom celebrations will be held during the afternoon snack time. The sign-up sheets will be located on each classroom door.
- April 19, 2019: 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. The sign-up sheets are available at our front desk.
- April 20, 2019: Parent Date Night: Have the kids join us from 6:00-10:00 pm for a fun filled night of activities, a movie and pizza. A sign-up sheet is located at our front desk.
- April 22, 2019: Earth Day. Our students will celebrate Earth day and learn the importance of our Earth.
- April 22nd-26th, 2019: Scholastic Book Fair. Scholastic books will be available for purchases in our lobby.
- School Age Camp Adventure (K-5): Calendars are available at our front desk. We have an exciting summer planned with different themed club weeks. Spaces are limited, reserve your spot today!

The Kiddie Academy Family

Raising Appreciative Children

Teaching appreciation may seem simple. After all, you can teach even a very young child to say "thank you." But because children are naturally ego-centric, the concept of appreciation can be somewhat difficult for young children to grasp. There are, however, a lot of things we as parents can do to plant the seeds of appreciation.

Model it. Whether or not we realize it, our children get their cues on how to behave from us. And every day, we have countless opportunities to show our appreciation—to the cashier at the grocery store, the crossing guard, the kind soul who lets us slide our car in front of his in traffic. When we consistently model gestures of appreciation for our children, we increase the chance of raising kids who are polite and appreciative themselves.

Point out all the things we have to appreciate. From our family to our neighborhood to the whole planet, we have a lot to appreciate. Start small with your children by pointing out how lucky we are to be part of a family. Ask your children what they like about your family—what things they enjoy doing as a family, and what they appreciate about individual members in your family. From there, fan out and talk about what sort of things you have to appreciate in your community, and on the whole planet.

Let your children know how much you appreciate them. Telling your children that you appreciate them brings the concept of appreciation into focus for them. Demonstrating your appreciation for your child is most effective when you tell her immediately, and when you're very specific about what you appreciate. For example, "I like how you put your plate in the sink after lunch without me asking" resonates more than a simple "thank you."

Keep reminding your children to say thank you. It gets tiresome to remind our children to say "thank you" after they've had a playdate, when they receive a gift from someone, even when you get them a drink of water. But the payoff is worth it. There is no greater reward than when you hear your child say "thank you" for the first time without having to nudge them to do so. Then, you realize, your consistent reminders were well worth it.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Students: Kayan, Brielle, Adalynn, Ava , Mia , Bowen, Jacob, Griffin, Matilda, William , Addison , Maya, Aiden , Adalyn, Bryan, and Grayson

Teachers: Ms. Karin, Ms. Wilmary, Ms. Kyra, Ms. Donna, Ms. Kaitlyn, Ms. Christa, Ms. Angela, and Ms. Amanda

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Photos of the Month



Teachable Moments

Sensory exploration! Infants and toddlers love to explore with their senses.



Special Events

- VPK Vouchers are available at the Early Learning Coalition (ELC) - If your child turns four years old on or before 9/1/19, you are eligible for VPK funding. We are currently filling our third VPK class. Please submit your voucher to our front desk.
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Parent Reminders

Parent Reminder 1

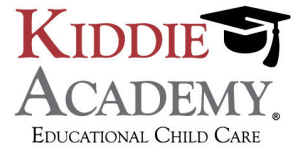
Please allow enough time to pick up your child. All children need to be picked up by 6:15 pm. Kiddie Academy closes at 6:30 pm.

Parent Reminder 2

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.



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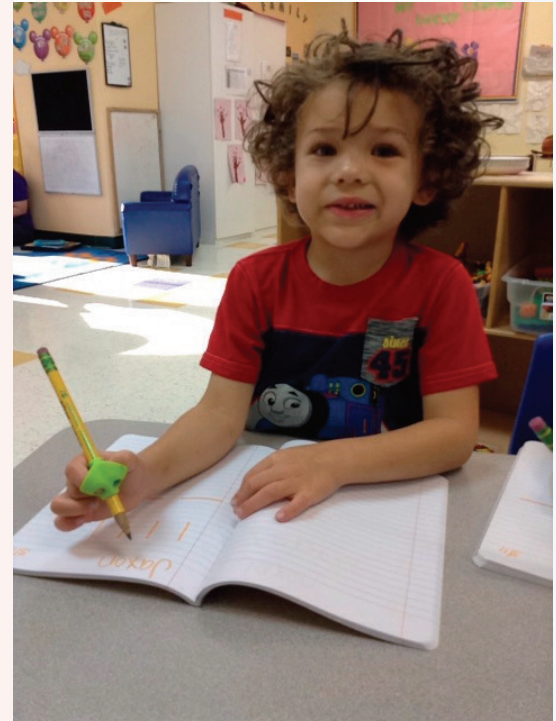


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	1 2019-2020 VPK Vouchers are available	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 NAEYC-Week of the Young Child (4/8-4/12)	9 Little People Portraits	10 Little People Portraits	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Manatee County Schools Closed- Camp Offered Easter Celebrations	20 Parent Date Night 6:00-10:00 pm
21	22 Earth Day Scholastic Book Fair (4/22-4/26)	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

What's new in Seagull?



This past month, our Seagull students have focused on the theme "Go Green". Students have discussed and learned different ways to protect our earth.



VPK is right around the corner for our Seagull students. Students have been working on identifying and writing their letters and numbers.