

Dear Kiddie Academy Families,

Happy Spring and Happy Mother's Day! We appreciate all of our families that supported our book fair.

Please mark your calendar for these events:

May 6-10, 2019, 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. Sign up sheets are located at our front desk for each day.

May 8-9, 2019, VPK Mother's Day Tea Party- The VPK classes are having a Tea Party for their moms. 5/8: Parrot class at 4:00 pm. 5/9: Dolphin Class at 11:00 am and Turtle class at 4:00 pm.

May 10, 2019, 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 14-16th, 2019, 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 18, 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 their children will also have a night out enjoying crafts, a movie and pizza.

May 27, 2019, Memorial Day- Kiddie Academy of Lakewood Ranch will be closed to observe the holiday.

May 28, 2019- VPK Moving Up Ceremony- Our VPK students will be graduating at the Lakewood Ranch Country Club at 4:00 pm.

Thank you,

The Kiddie Academy Family

Teaching Children Humor at Home

During the month of May, Kiddie Academy helps children learn humor through our character education program. Humor can brighten our daily lives as we smile at amusing occurrences and laugh at silly situations. Having a sense of humor can also help children develop social skills and maintain emotional and physical health.

The power of humor doesn't only benefit our children. It aids in adults' well-being as well. Finding laughter in our daily lives can relieve stress, ease depression, loosen muscles and strengthen relationships.

Here are some ways you can encourage your child to develop and appreciate a sense of humor at home and reap the benefits for yourself as well:

-Read a funny book. Try reading Wacky Wednesday by Theo Lesieg or the Funny Papers to launch some fun. Discuss the humor with your child as you read by asking him or her what's funny about the story.

-Have a chocolate milk bubble blowing contest. Laugh as the bubbles get bigger and bigger.

-Host a family circus. Dress up as clowns, serve cotton candy or popcorn and assist your kids in making props. This could be held inside or outside, and invite the neighbors if you want more participants. You could make this into a family tradition.

-Play dress up. Have the entire family dress up as superheroes for dinner. These can be famous superheroes or let the kids create their own symbols and suits.

-Animal charades. Kids can choose an animal to act out from their head or they can choose from a stack of cards that picture different animals. Show them that adults can be funny too by exaggerating the animal's characteristics.

-Knock, knock...who's there? Let your children make up knock, knock jokes...they may not make sense, but that's okay! Praise them for trying to be funny and their creativeness.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

David, Miles, Mia P, Kendall, Dereon,
Zoe, Madison, Ezra, Layla V, Gabriel,
Madison, Alexandra, Zara, Steele,
Emma C and Camryn.

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Staff Recognition

Please help us congratulate Ms. Amanda on her great attendance!! She has received a parking spot in our front parking lot for the month of May!



Special Events

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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 6:30pm. 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.

Photos of the Month



During the month of April, our VPK students studied the life cycle of a butterfly.



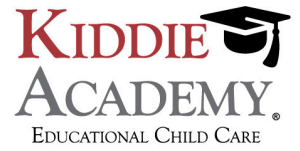
Our students participated in different activities discussing the importance of our earth in honor of Earth day this month.



Our toddler students love sensory exploration!



2019 MAY



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5	6	7	8 VPK Mother's Day Tea Party Parrot- 4:00 pm	9 VPK Mother's Day Tea Party Dolphin- 11:00 am Turtle- 4:00 pm	10 Muffins with Mom 7:30- 9:00 am	11
5/6-5/10:Teacher Appreciation Week						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Parent's Night Out: 6-10pm
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day KA CLOSED	28 VPK Moving Up Ceremony 4:00 pm	29	30	31	

What's new in Stork?

Kiddie Academy's "New Beginnings" curriculum is designed to develop and reinforce each infant's individual needs through Life Essentials. Children participate in sensory-based learning experiences while receiving positive, nurturing guidance from qualified teachers.

The curriculum focuses on six areas of development: Cognitive, Communication, Emotional, Fine Motor, Gross Motor and Social Skills

