



The Kidette

Kids Academy Learning Center
"Where Discovery Begins"



December 2016

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Each year Kids Academy supports several

outreach projects during the holidays. For Thanksgiving we collected non-perishable items for Kids In Distress. We collected approximately 28 bags of groceries. Thank you for your generosity.



Families Helping Families



We are also supporting Kids In Distress for a Holiday Toy Drive. There are several Christmas trees in the front office with hearts on them. Each heart represents a child and a child's holiday wish. You can choose 1 or several hearts to take and purchase the item listed. We are asking that all gifts be brought in no later than December 9th. Please wrap the gift and place the heart with it. Let's teach our children the gift of generosity this holiday season! All gifts must be new toys.

Kids In Distress of Broward County (KID) is a licensed nationally accredited agency working for the prevention of child abuse, preservation of the family, and the treatment of abused and neglected children.

Enrichment Classes

Our second session of enrichment classes has begun. The children are having a great time



in soccer, ballet, karate, & music. There will be no enrichment classes during the Winter Break.

Macy's Day Parade

Our annual Thanksgiving Macy's Day Parade



was on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd. We did have some rain, but the parade still went on. The children were adorable & their costumes so creative.



Some of our parents braving the rain!



Thank you for attending!

Lunch News: January lunch menus will be due by December 21st. Lunches need to be preordered by the month and will not be available to order on a daily basis. We offer regular & vegetarian menus. The lunch price is \$4.25 daily & \$3.25 for Snails, Ladybugs and Caterpillars. **We will not be able to add lunch or pizza orders daily. No exceptions.** Please fill out monthly menus & return to the front office with payment.

Payments

Payments are due at the first of each month. It is past due on the 3rd and late fees will apply. All weekly payments must have a credit card authorization on file and tuition will be charged on Monday mornings. **No exceptions.** Please make sure that your credit card and payment information is up to date and correct. If you make any future changes, please notify the front office. All declined credit cards will be charged a \$10.00 fee. The minimum amount to charge is \$10.00. All declined checks will have a \$35.00 service charge. Please sign up for automatic tuition deductions.

Reminder: The VPK extended care will not have instructional hours during Winter Break (from December 26th to January 6th). If your child attends there will be an additional \$49.00 per week charge.

Gardening!

The children are tending to the gardens daily and patiently waiting to see what



happens. Our herbs are growing nicely and we have sprouted our first eggplant! It's very exciting.

Year End Tax Statements

Year end tax statements (W-10) for 2016 will be available the second week of January. Printed copies will be at the front desk.

Suggestion Box

We are always interested in our parents' ideas and suggestions for our program. There is a suggestion box in the front office.



Holiday Shows

Each year our classrooms present a holiday show for the parents. Please mark your calendar for your

child's holiday event!

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| Dec. 6 | 4:00 Grasshoppers 5:00 Dragonflies |
| Dec. 7 | 11:00 Beatlebugs (am) 4:00 Caterpillars |
| Dec. 8 | 2:30 Beatlebugs (pm) 4:00 Crickets 5:00 Ants |
| Dec. 13 | 4:00 Hornets |
| Dec. 14 | 4:00 Butterflies 5:00 Fireflies |
| Dec. 15 | 4:00 Bees 5:00 Scorpions |



Holiday Closings

Christmas

Friday, December 23rd close at 1:00pm
Monday, December 26th closed

New Year's Day

Friday, December 30th close at 1:00pm
Monday, January 2nd closed



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| Layla D. | 12/20 | 1 year old |
| Andrew V. | 12/12 | 3 years old |
| Elizabeth V. | 12/12 | 3 years old |
| Thanvikha | 12/20 | 3 years old |
| Kristian T. | 12/1 | 3 years old |
| Mikayla L. | 12/1 | 5 years old |
| Mia B. | 12/5 | 4 years old |
| Amy E. | 12/19 | 4 years old |
| Jacoby K. | 12/5 | 5 years old |
| Enzo K. | 12/9 | 5 years old |
| Aubrey N. | 12/13 | 5 years old |
| Angelina M. | 12/23 | 5 years old |
| Lucas C. | 12/26 | 5 years old |
| Markes M. | 12/2 | 7 years old |
| Marlon M. | 12/12 | 8 years old |
| Madeline R. | 12/22 | 8 years old |
| Lindsay D. | 12/26 | 9 years old |
| Ms. Eva | 12/15 | Young |
| Ms. Sandy | 12/17 | Young at heart |

The holidays are fast approaching. Please do not let yourself be victimized.

Parking:

Never leave your purse in your car.

Unfortunately child care centers are targeted by Smash N' Grab thieves. The thieves wait, watch and see if a person has brought their purse into the school. If not their car becomes a prime target.

According to police it only takes them 4-6 seconds to break your window, grab your purse & be gone. Don't be a victim! Bring your purse with you every time you pick up or drop off your child. Our cameras are recording most of the time, but glitches happen. Do not rely on the cameras.

Pro-care Check in and out

It is required by Child Care Licensing that every child is signed in and out every day they are in attendance at Kids Academy. Please make sure everyone on your pick up list knows the importance of signing your child in or out.

Our Pro-care sign in-out system uses a fingerprint or code sign-in and out. Please register your fingerprint if you have not already done so.