



November 2017



# The Kidette

## Kids Academy Learning Center

"Where Discovery Begins"

### Fire Prevention Month

The Coral Springs Fire Department came to our school on October 16<sup>th</sup> and gave the children a great presentation on fire safety and an



explanation of all the items on the fire truck. Everyone participated from babies to VPK students.

### Pumpkin Patch

#### Visit

All of our VPK classes had the opportunity to visit a local pumpkin patch at First United Methodist and had a wonderful time. They explored the pumpkins, listened to a story and played games.



### Dental Health Visit

This month we also had a visit from the dental office team of John S. Bazos. The dental



hygienists showed a short video presentation and explained the importance of dental cleanings of brushing our teeth thoroughly. Every child went home with a dental goodie bag!

### Enrichment Classes

The new Enrichment session will begin the week of October 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are available at the front desk. The cost is \$135.00 for an 8 week session.



Ballet for	2 ½ & older
Happy Feet	2 ½ & older
Music	2 ½ & older
Karate	3 & older

## Gardening

We have begun our planting. Every class has a section in the vegetable garden to care for. Gardening is a great opportunity for the children to learn how vegetables & herbs are grown. We will be have planting tomato, cauliflower, eggplant, basil & parsley plants. The children will do all the planting, watering, weeding & eventually harvesting of their garden all classes participate from the toddlers to VPK. Please visit the garden with your child & let's see how our garden grows! Don't pick it any please.

## Social Emotional Learning

We have expanded our curriculum to include a broader and more comprehensive focus on social emotional learning and emotional intelligence. Ms. Yasemin Gokalp has joined our teaching leadership team and has been doing workshops with our teachers on the importance of social emotional learning in preschoolers. Ms. Yasemin has a Master's Degree in Organizational and Industrial Behaviors and is completing her PhD in Performance Psychology. Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup> we have implemented our new Kindness curriculum. Our first lessons focus on breathing. We will be giving every preschooler a pinwheel to practice the breathing techniques. We will keep you up to date on the lessons we will be practicing.

Lunch News: December "Yummy in Tummy" menus are due by November 20<sup>th</sup>. Lunches need to be



preordered by the month and will not be available to order on a daily basis. We offer regular and vegetarian menus. Lunch price is \$5.50 per lunch. **We will not be able to add lunch or pizza orders daily. No exceptions. Dominoes pizza is also available on Fridays.** Please fill out monthly menus and return to the front office with a payment.

## Payments

Payments are due at the first of each month. It is past due on the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 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.

## Book Fair

Our annual fall Book Fair was a huge success! We thank everyone for their support. We raised over \$900.00 for our school. We would like to extend a special thank you to Joanna Goriss & Vincent Pugliese for volunteering their time to volunteer at the Book Fair. We will be purchasing books with the profits.





## Pumpkin Decorating Contest

The winners of this year's pumpkin decorating contest were

#1: Dragonflies with The Very Hungry Caterpillar



#2: Ants with the Pout, Pout Fish

#3: Bees with Oscar the Grouch



## **Thanksgiving Feast** Please remember



to sign your child up for our annual thanksgiving Feast, which will be on Monday, Nov

22<sup>nd</sup> The cost is \$5.50 for preschoolers and \$4.25 for the children in the Snails, Ladybugs and Caterpillars. There will be turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberries, green beans, and a roll.

## **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

Each year Kids Academy supports several outreach projects during the holidays. We want to teach our children to give back. This year for Thanksgiving we are collecting food for Kids in Distress.



We are collecting typical Thanksgiving Food:

- Canned Vegetables
- Stuffing
- Gravy mix or jars of turkey gravy
- Canned cranberries
- Instant Potatoes
- Pumpkin pie/Apple pie filling
- Foil Roasting Pans
- Gift cards to Wal-Mart or Publix for a turkey and perishables
- Please check expiration dates

**Please bring your food in by November 15th.**

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.

## **Macy's Day Parade**

On Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> we will have our annual Macy's Day Parade at 4:00. Each classroom will choose a theme & the children will parade in costume around the campus. The school will close at 5:00 pm that day.

## **Holiday Shows**

Each year our classrooms put on a holiday show for the parents. Please mark your calendar for your child's holiday event!

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| Dec. 5  | 4:00 Snails/Ladybugs |
|         | 5:00 Grasshoppers    |
| Dec. 6  | 4:00 Caterpillars    |
|         | 5:00 Dragonflies     |
| Dec. 7  | 4:00 Crickets        |
|         | 5:00 Ants            |
| Dec. 12 | 4:00 Butterflies     |
|         | 5:00 Bees            |
| Dec. 13 | 4:00 Fireflies       |
|         | 5:00 Scorpions       |



## Parking/Burglary

**Never** leave your purse in your car. Child care centers are targeted by Smash N' Grab thieves. The thieves wait, watch & 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.

## **Procare 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. We have made it very easy for you by installing the electronic sign in program. Please make sure everyone on your pick up list knows the importance of signing your child in or out. Our Procare sign in-out system uses a fingerprint or code sign-in and out. Please register your fingerprint if you have not already done so.

## **Holiday Closings**

Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup> Kids **Academy** will be closing at 5:00 (Following Macy's Day Parade)

**Thanksgiving** Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00pm  
**Christmas** Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm  
**New Year's Day** Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>



## Happy Birthdays November Students and Staff!

Logan H.	11/10	1 year old
Luke N.	11/23	1 year old
Brian F.	11/5	3 years old
Arielle C.	11/10	3 years old
Daniela F.	11/16	3 years old
Lily R.	11/24	3 years old
Elliot D.	11/25	3 years old
Juliana C.	11/4	4 years old
Alex S.	11/6	4 years old
Dana B.	11/6	5 years old
Kate S.	11/7	5 years old
Sophia F.	11/8	5 years old
Anston C.	11/15	5 years old
Landry G.	11/19	5 years old
Elizabeth E.	11/14	10 years old

### Staff Birthdays

Ms. Mounira	11/2
Ms. Lila	11/7
Mr. Bob	11/17
Ms. Sadea	11/17
Ms. Miriam	11/27