

August 2015
Back to School!

The Kidette



Welcome To Kids Academy Learning Center

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Another exciting school year is just around the corner. August 24th will be the first day of the 2015/2016 school year. The children will be transitioning into their new classrooms the week of August 17th. The teachers are so excited about meeting their new students! The teachers will engage the students in fun games and activities to acquaint them with their new classroom. There will be no water play that week. Our last water play will be Tuesday, August 18th.

During transition week the children will spend one hour on Monday in their new class.

Tuesday they will spend the morning in their new room and have lunch. They will nap in their old classroom.

Wednesday they will do the same and nap in their new classroom.

Thursday, the children will be dropped off in their classroom and will go to their new classroom at 9:00 am. They will spend the entire day in their new classroom.

Staff will do all we can to make a smooth transition for every child.

August Payments

August payments have been prorated between summer camp fees and the new school year fees. Please see the front office for the correct amount to pay for your account.

Dates to Remember

Friday, August 21st: Closed for a Teacher Work Day

Sept. 2, 3, & 4:

Fall Portraits

Sept. 11:

Grandparents Breakfast
@ 9:00

Uniforms

Uniforms are mandatory. If your child is going into the Grasshoppers, Crickets, Bees, Ants, or VPK classrooms they must wear uniforms Monday through Friday. The uniform consists of a Kids Academy embroidered shirt for sale at 18.00 per polo. Shorts can be purchased at any store and need to be navy blue, tan or khaki. Children who come to school without a uniform will be provided one and the charge will be added to your account. The uniform shirt colors are red and light blue.

Uniforms will not be sold during our Meet and Greet.

Mark Your Calendars!

Meet N' Greet will be held Sunday, August 23rd. Please do not miss this opportunity for your child to visit in their classroom prior to the first day of school!

Preschool Classes (0-4 yrs) will meet from 10:00 -11:00 am.

Enrichment Instructors will be available from 11:00 -11:30 am.

VPK Classes will meet from 11:30 -12:30.

Enrichment Classes

Enrichment classes will begin the first week of September. Registration forms will be available at our *Meet N' Greet*.

We will be offering:

Ballet for 2's & 3's

Tap & Ballet for 4's & older

Cooking for 4 & older

Happy Feet 2 ½ & older

Karate 3 & older



ABC Mouse/ Smart Board/ Spanish

Ms. Miriam will begin Spanish classes in September for infants through VPK classes. VPK classes will have Spanish instruction 5 days a week.

The Smart Board room and computer lab will be utilized by the toddlers through 5 yr olds. The children will be experiencing many computer skills along with literacy, math, science, and social studies while working with the interactive Smart Board.

VPK Hours

We welcome your child to our VPK program! Daily attendance is crucial to your child's success in VPK and kindergarten. The state funds 3 hours daily. Our VPK instructional hours will be from 8:30- 11:30. The state of Florida only allows a certain number of excused absences. Please make sure that your child attends daily unless it is due to illness.

Registration Forms

New registration forms were sent out and were do back in by July 31st. If you have not returned your forms, please do so as quickly as possible. If you have had a change of plans, please let us know as we have a waiting list in many classrooms.

Arrivals

All children must be at school by 9:30 am. After 9:30 am your child will be taken to his/her class by someone from the front office.

Lunches:

September lunch menus will be due by August 21st. Lunches need to be preordered by the month and will not be available to order on a daily basis.

Medicine

Only prescription medicine will be dispensed. Optimally medication will be given only once a day with exception of the nebulizer treatments. Early morning nebulizer treatments should be given at home.

Medicines should be in their original container with your child's name on it.

All over the counter drugs must be accompanied by a doctor's authorization containing the dosage.

Hurricane Information

We follow the Broward County Schools recommendation for hurricane closings. We will reopen as soon as it is possible. Please stay tuned to your local news station for updated information. Also you can either call the school for automated messages for more information or look at the posted messages on the front door.

We still have some openings for aftercare if you are looking for a high quality afterschool program. We pickup at :

Riverside Elementary
Parkside Elementary
Maplewood Elementary
Westchester Elementary

We are also available during winter, spring and/or summer camp 2015-16.

*** Parking ***

Please remember: Never leave your purse in your car. Unfortunately child care centers are a prime target for Smash N' Grab thieves. According to police it only takes them 4-6 seconds to break your window, grab your purse and be gone. Please do not park on the pavers directly in front of the doors. This is for the safety of all of our children. Also do not double park. It blocks the pick-up and drop off line.

What's New At Kids Academy?

We are currently accredited by A.P.P.L.E. and looking to obtain a double accreditation! We are doing our self study for our NAEYC (National Association of the Education of Young Children). Fewer than 10 percent of America's preschools have earned accreditation from NAEYC making NAEYC accreditation the nation's mark of quality in preschool education. Every year Kids Academy makes improvements to the facility and classrooms. This year we have updated some of our classrooms with new reading centers and science centers. We have added lots of new and exciting components for our science areas in all our classrooms. There are many new and educational toys finding their space onto the shelves. The children are already excited.



Lunch News:

We offer regular and vegetarian menus. As of September 1st, the lunch price will be \$4.25 daily.



Pro-Care Payments

Beginning September 1st we will begin processing tuition and fee payments thru **Tuition Express**. It is the easiest, safest, and most cost effective way possible. More information will follow.

Good-bye Summer...

This is our last newsletter for the summer; it is hard to believe summer is over. We would like to wish all our school age campers, along with our 5 year olds going to Kindergarten the best of luck in this coming school year.

It has been a great summer.

