



The Kids Academy Kidette

October 2018

"Where Discovery Begins"

Open House

Our annual Open House was a huge success! The teachers explained the classroom's daily schedule and a typical day in the life of their child. Parents also received handouts containing information about the new and revised Florida states standards for each age group. Following the classroom presentation, parents wrote letters to their child and mailed them in our school mailbox in the office. They were distributed the following week. The children loved getting their special letters. We invited some of our VPK students to take the mail out of the mailbox and distribute to classrooms. They loved it!



Fire Prevention Month



The Coral Springs Fire Department will be visiting Kids Academy for Fire Prevention Month on October 9th. The firefighters will give a demonstration on fire safety, their gear and equipment. Every class will have an opportunity to explore the fire truck and ask questions to the firefighters. Thank you Coral Springs Fire Department for all that you do for our community.

Speech and Language Screenings

We are offering screenings for Speech, Language, Fine Motor Development, Sensory Processing and a Comprehensive Screening for a nominal fee. We have 2 qualified therapists, Dr. Lisa Grossman and Mrs. Stacy Crescitelli who will be administering the screenings. The screenings will take place during the month of October and can also be scheduled anytime throughout the school year. They are designed to identify those children who may benefit from early intervention services due to delays in the following developmental areas: cognition, speech/language, fine/gross motor, and/or sensory processing. If you have any questions or need a form, please stop at the front office.



Scholastic Book Fair

Our annual fall Book Fair will be held from October 8th -12th in the Village. The hours are from 8:00-9:30 am and 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Please support our school by purchasing books for your child and perhaps one for your child's classroom wish list. Each class will post a wish list of books for their classroom.

Fall Parade

On October 31st we will host our annual "Fall Parade" at 4:00 pm. Children can bring their costume to school in a labeled bag. **Please label each piece of your child's costume so we can avoid any mix ups.** Children will parade around the school campus and then return to their classrooms. All parents and families are welcome!



Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Our pumpkin decorating contest takes place the third week of October. Each class will decorate a pumpkin for display in the village. Families are invited to vote on their favorite pumpkin and we will announce the winner on October 26th.



Gardens

This month we will begin planting our vegetables and herbs. Each classroom will be given a plot to plant their vegetables and herbs. They will be responsible for watering and weeding their Gardens provides magical opportunities for children to learn through hands-on science as they explore the outdoors and watch a seed grow into food. They can learn about the life cycles of seeds and critters, how to respect our environment, the seasons, weather and much more.

Snacks and Lunches

Children bringing food from home must have nutritious lunch and snack options. Children are not permitted to eat donuts, cookies, etc. for morning snack. Healthy options include yogurt, fruit, whole grain crackers and cheese. **Please remember we are a peanut free school.**

Lunch News: Lunch is prepped and cooked on site and is available for purchase. All of our meat, milk and produce are organic and all natural, however, there are a few food items are sometimes difficult to find in the organic section. Daily lunch price is \$5.00 for children in the Butterflies classroom and older and \$4.00 for the Caterpillars and younger.



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.

Hurricane Information

We follow the Broward County Schools recommendations for hurricane closings. We will reopen as soon as it is possible. Please stay tuned to your local news station for updated information. If phone lines are working you can listen to our recording about openings.

Procare

It is mandatory that all parents sign their children in and out using our fingerprint Procare system. It is very important that we have an accurate daily account of how many children are present at any one time. If you have not set up your fingerprint, please stop at the front desk and do so.

Important Reminder VPK Hours

Daily attendance is crucial to your child's success in VPK and kindergarten. The state funds 3 hours daily. Our VPK instructional hours are from 8:30- 11:30. Please make sure that your child attends daily and is on time, unless it is due to illness.

October Birthdays

Clara L.	10/2	1 year old
Michael O.	10/10	2 years old
Ariella M.	10/18	2 years old
Savannah J.	10/24	2 year old
Shelby J.	10/24	2 years old
Joshua V.	10/30	3 years old
Skyler C.	10/13	3 years old
June H.	10/22	3 years old
Ethan H.	10/13	5 years old
Jianno B.	10/18	5 years old
Jordan M.	10/10	5 years old
Harper W.	10/29	5 years old
Connor C.	10/30	5 years old
Jayden E.	10/16	5 years old
Kakli N.	10/2	5 years old
Frieda	10/10	Young At Heart
Christa	10/17	Young At Heart



Upcoming Days Closed

November 21st: We will close at 5:00 pm following our parade

November 22nd and 23rd: Closed for Thanksgiving

December 24th: Christmas Eve

December 25th: Christmas Day

October's Highlights

Art Class

One of the children's favorite specials is Art Class! There is weekly scheduled art time with Ms. Dina in our art room for the Caterpillars classroom and older. In



our art class the children explore many different painting techniques; sponge painting, finger painting, painting with different types of brushes, and painting with brushes made from nature.

The Dragonfly class is creating 3 Dimensional art projects using recyclables.

The children also make 3 dimensional art from clay, recyclables and things found in nature. Here we are making bird feeders for our garden. We took pine cones and coated them with Karo Syrup, flour and water. Next we rolled them in bird seed and let them dry. Later we hung them in the garden.



The children loved the entire process. Later in the week we went outside to observe the birds enjoying our bird feeders.