

Dear Kiddie Academy families,

Spring

Because observation is such a basic learning tool, springtime provides an ideal climate for learning outdoors. A nature walk or a picnic provide excellent opportunities for discovery, observation and discussion. Here are some suggestions for using a stroll outdoors as a vehicle for expanding vocabulary, practicing listening and memory skills and pointing out basic concepts:



- 1) Devote a portion of your walk to "listening." Talk about what you hear (birds singing, leaves rustling, water running). See if you can locate where the sounds are coming from.
- 2) Explore the textures and smells you find along the way. Touch the rough bark, the smooth leaves, the soft moss and hard rocks. Smell the sweet flowers and the dusty road.
- 3) Compare the trees, animals, flowers and rocks you observe as same or different in color, shape, and size.
- 4) Use such descriptive words as above, below, between, under, next to, inside, small, medium and large in making reference to the things you discover.
- 5) Look for tracks and "houses" of animals. Talk about where the animals live, what they eat and how they stay warm.
- 6) Discuss the "best parts" of your trip when you get home. It's not only satisfying to recall fun events together, but such reminiscing is also good practice for your child's memory.

Happy Birthday!

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4/29

SARINA T.

MACKENZIE D. 4/19

AVERY G. 4/7

NEIL A. 4/20

EMI P. 4/8

TAYLOR S. 4/28

A Few Good Reasons to Feel Great about Child Care

When you're considering the best child care option for your family, considering a formal, structured, and licensed environment like Kiddie Academy can have many benefits to both children and parents. Though the decision is one of the most important ones you'll ever have to make, when you place your child in a safe and nurturing setting with an appropriate amount of stimulation and learning, the experience can prove to be a truly positive part of your child's upbringing—with lasting benefits. Here are just a few key reasons why your decision to choose child care can be considered advantageous, now and later.

- **Character builder.** We've all heard the phrase 'It takes a village to raise a child.' There's plenty of room for teachers and other students at school to have a positive impact on your child. Not only does exposing children to caregivers other than their parents help them to become well-rounded as they get older, it encourages them to be more flexible and adaptable in the face of new situations—a great trait for all ages.
- **Social stimulator.** One of the first and most important lessons children learn in school is how to get along with their peers. Child care gives young children a jump start on learning this essential life lesson. When 2-year-olds spend their days with same-age peers, they're encouraged to adopt the spirit of cooperation and sharing sooner.
- **Immune booster.** Sneezing, coughing and runny noses are an inevitable part of life for most young children. And although it's natural for us to want to shield our children from being coughed and sneezed on by their peers, there's actually some benefit behind that spray. The sooner your child is exposed to germs, the earlier his immune system will be activated to fight against them and, in turn, become stronger. In fact, researchers who study childhood immunity have begun to draw connections between children who are exposed early and regularly to common viruses (e.g., through attendance at child care) and a reduced likelihood of developing certain illnesses and chronic conditions.

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Responsibility

Responsibility means to take on ownership of a task and see it through to completion. It also includes a measure of accountability, meaning that one takes ownership of one's decisions and actions. Being a responsible person means that people can rely on you to get the job done; that you can handle the task and take appropriate steps to get things accomplished.

Responsibility Everyday

Young children have the opportunity to take responsibility throughout the day. Many daily routines require a child to be responsible. Adults should identify a few specific things at a time to focus on until the children become competent at those tasks and are ready for new challenges.

April Special Events

4/1 CAMP VENTURES 10-12 p.m. SPRING OPEN HOUSE!

4/7 PNO PARENTS NIGHT OUT 6:30-11:30 p.m.

4/14 EASTER EGG HUNT/PARTY WITH EASTER BUNNY VISIT *we will send out egg hunt times via email

4/27 PICTURE DAY 8:00 a.m.



Parent Reminders –

Weekly Tuition is due Wednesday

Monthly Tuition is due Thursday of the month end

Please make sure your child has a change of clothes in case of a spill or potty accidents

All bottles and sippy cups must be labeled with your child's first and last name per State.

