

Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that your child's fall assessments are completed and attached for your records. We would like to give some guidelines on understanding the process used to evaluate your child's progress.

A key component of the Kiddie Academy® Life Essentials® curriculum is the informal assessment process, which helps teachers make decisions about how to best implement the curriculum in the classroom.

Developmental checklists are broken down into different areas of development, based on age. Checklists include criteria that fall into the following areas of development: physical, social, emotional, language, and cognitive. The checklist includes several skills under each area of development which must be rated: Language and Literacy, Emergent Writing, Math and Manipulatives, Science and Discovery, Personal Development/Approaches to Learning, Social Studies, and Character Education/Social Emotional Development.

We will plan our Parent Teacher Conferences in Early January and will inform you of dates and times. This assessment is a mid-semester evaluation that is based from August 2016 to November 2016. If your child recently transitioned into a new classroom please keep in mind that they may not have been assessed in some of the curricular goals at this point. We are always here to help so if you have any questions prior to the Parent Teacher Conferences please feel free to reach out to us anytime.

The Management Team

Jordan & Sarah

*"I cut. You choose."* The age-old process for envy-free cake-cutting between two people (where one person cuts, one chooses the side they want first and the cutter receives the remaining piece) is an exercise in generosity and sharing no matter what your age. Each party both wants a sizeable portion of their preferred side of the cake, but both have opportunities to consider the other person's wants and feelings. Both have an opportunity to exercise generosity.

Generosity is a character trait most parents want their children to possess. However, giving selflessly to others and sharing cherished belongings or gifts can be a challenge for young children. This holiday season, whether you celebrate Hanukkah at home, Christmas with family or another treasured tradition, here are a few considerations for fostering a generous spirit with your children:

- **Talk to your kids about how giving helps:** Studies show that parents who talk to their children about charitable giving can positively impact their children's philanthropic behavior later on. Have a conversation within the family about how we give back, whether money, time or energy, and who we give back to. Talk about the tremendous difference it can make in your community.
- **Give as you receive:** Prepare for the gifts your family will receive before the holiday begins by donating toys, clothes, shoes, coats and other goods to causes in your community. Kids can learn to be thankful for the things they have by donating the toys they no longer use.
- **Practicing generosity at home:** Encourage your children to identify ways in which they can help a family member or sibling with a chore, making a meal or homework. Model a generous spirit for your children by having them help to make a meal for a friend, deliver a box of outgrown clothes to charity or volunteer. It's important for our children to learn that generosity does not always involve money. Cut a piece of cake as a family and talk about how to practice generosity just by cutting and choosing.

Focus on the emotional results of generosity and the good feelings it produces as a way to promote further generosity. After all, giving is the greatest gift. For more information, visit [www.kiddieacademy.com](http://www.kiddieacademy.com).

Happy holidays!

## Happy Birthday!

Addison S. 12/2      Madison F. 12/17  
Luna W. 12/12      Lukas D. 12/19  
Diav S. 12/14      Alice D. Regan S. Reagan V. 12/30

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## Teachable Moments

Giving freely out of compassion and love is how it makes the giver feel. The more you give from a place of unconditional generosity, the more joy you feel. Giving makes you realize how much power you have to make others feel better about themselves and their lives.

## December Special Events

### PNO Parents Night Out 12/9

Use this time to shop or simply enjoy your adult time

We provide dinner and entertainment/wear your pjs

Cost \$35 per child \$25 each additional child

### CCA Toy Drive Starts Dec. 1 -15th

Bring an unwrapped toy for boy or girl of ages 1-12 years

### Christmas Family Luncheon 12/16

We will be holding our annual Christmas Luncheon for parents

@ 11:30 We hope you can join us!

In observation of Christmas Day we are Closed Mon. 12/26



## Parent Reminders –

Tuition is due on Wednesday