

Kiddie Academy of Greenlawn

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QUARTER 3

BABIES

Let's all wish our October, November and December Babies a very Happy Birthday!

Sea Stars

10/20 John J.
11/4 Sarah T.
11/28 Ethan O.

Clown Fish II

10/11 Dominic R.
10/26 Jayden A.
11/27 Jared K.

Harp Seals I

10/25 Amari J.
12/27 Madison M.

Harp Seals II

12/10 Nathaniel C.
12/29 Henry H.

Manatees I

10/15 Nina R.
11/1 Gabriela V.
11/3 Joseph B.
11/5 Paige K.

Manatees II

11/27 AJ S.
12/28

Dolphins I

10/8 Daniel J.
11/26 Luis N.
12/8 Ellen M.

Dolphins II

11/9 Tyler P.
11/13 Jazmynn C.

Sharks

10/20 Kieren M.
10/23 Diana O.
11/3 Robert J.
11/18 Julianne M.
11/20 Delia F.
11/22 Gary T.
11/26 Grace B.
12/7 Cindy Z.
12/10 Jonah O.
12/27 John M.

Staff

10/25 Magliv Louissant
10/2 Alissa Repetti
11/11 Maria Caracciolo
11/24 Patty Davidsson
11/29 Cassie Cruz
11/29 Ana Miller
12/17 Kristina Sarni

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

How to Read a Picture Book

Chances are we all read to our children. Some families share books whenever there is a quiet moment. Others, make sharing a story part of their bedtime routine. Modeling reading, enjoying and understanding a good picture book with your child are the foundations of literacy and it's never too early or late to introduce your child to print!

I recently went to a Parents as Partners Literacy Workshop at Washington Drive Primary School in the midst of a stormy evening. I was astounded by the number of parents who came out to the workshop, despite the weather. The reading department faculty put together a wonderful workshop for parents of beginning readers. They offered

tips on helping beginning readers. Because most of our enrolled children are pre-readers, I thought this would be a great opportunity to share some strategies on reading to children under the age of five.

Here's how to get started:

- Choose a book that is of interest to your child. Let's take a classic like Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jr. because it is appealing to all ages!
- Talk about the Cover and Title Page. An older child might be interested to know about the copyright date, especially if the book was published when you were

a child and you can recall when your parents read it to you!

- Ask your child what they think the story is about, just by looking at the illustrations and analyzing the title of the story. Discussing what the book might be about teaches your child about prediction and gives your child a glimpse into the literary adventure you are about to encounter.
- Introduce the author and explain that the author is the person who wrote the story. Ask questions like, "Have you read any stories by Bill Martin Jr. at school?" "Why do you think Bill Martin Jr. wanted to

Spotlight on Staff - Miss Alicia

Miss Alicia is our Lead Teacher in Harp Seals II, a two year old classroom. We caught up with her to ask her a few questions about herself:

How long have you been working here?
2 years and 9 months

Why did you choose early childhood education as your career?

I love working with children and it makes me feel good to teach a child something new

How many years have you been working in this career?

7 years



How to Read a Picture Book, cont.

Announcements

Miss Patty Fordyce, now known as Miss Patty Davidsson was married on September 28, 2007. Congratulations Miss Patty!



Congratulations to the McLoughlin Family on the birth of their beautiful daughter Morgan. Born on July 29, 2007!



Congratulations to Miss Heather on the birth of her bouncing son, Trevor Justin. Born on October 14, 2007. 10lbs & 22 in!

Staff Anniversaries

Staff Anniversaries Q2:

1 Year

Miss Lisa Kubernack
Joe Slianski
Shanna Stokkers

3 Years

Patty Davidsson

Staff Perfect Attendance in Q2

July

Nicole Alman
Maria Caracciolo
Chelsea Perfall
Irene Simonelli
Joe Slianski

August

Nicole Alman
Meredith Watson
Irene Simonelli

- write about animals?"
- Introduce the illustrator, Eric Carle and explain that the illustrator is the person who made the "illustrations" and explain that "illustration" is a word that means pictures. Ask your child about the illustrations in the book. Eric Carle's signature style is collage and chances are a preschooler will recognize or name other books written or illustrated by Eric Carle.
- Ask your older infant or toddler to point to the horse, frog, etc. Parents of Infants and Toddlers can point to the illustrations and model the sounds each animal makes and should encourage their child to mimic the sound and the name of the animal.
- Look for opportunities to learn new vocabulary words (author/illustrator or words within the text) or predictions about what will happen next in the story.
- Brown Bear is silly and fun. The reader asks, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? And Brown Bear answers, "I see a Red Bird looking at me". The story continues with an array of colorful animals. Asking your child if they have ever seen a blue horse, or a purple cat, helps them recall their experiences with animals.
- This story has a predictable text. The reader asks the same question to each of the animals and each animal has a chance to name what they see. Encourage your child to join in and take an active role in reading repetitive phrases.
- As you read the story, ask questions related to the story like, "Why do you think Eric Carl created a purple cat?" "What would you do if you saw a blue horse?"
- Pointing to the words helps your child understand that the language is written from left to right. Ask your child where they think you should start reading and explain that print runs from the top of the page to the bottom of

the page.

- Offering your child different colored tissue paper and glue gives them an opportunity to create their own animal. Asking your child about their creation will allow you to find out why they chose to make an "Orange Cow" for example.
- Typing out your child's words is a wonderful way to recap the story and create a new one together. "Orange cow, orange cow, what do you see?" Chances are, your child will carry the repetition of Brown Bear's text into their own story.
- Have your child "Picture Read" to you, that is have your child tell you the story just by looking at the pictures!

Try these tips the next time you read to your child and when they say "Read It Again" you'll know just how much they have learned from you...just by reading to them before bed!

Happy Reading!

Spotlight on Staff, cont.

What did you do prior to working with children?

I was a student at St. Johns University, majoring in Psychology

What is your favorite activity to do with the children?
Music

What is your symbol and why did you choose it?

My symbol is a Music Note. I chose it because my second passion is music. I love to sing outside and at school

What is your favorite children's book?

Alexander's Terrible, Horrible, No Good, VERY BAD DAY

What is your favorite children's song?

Albuquerque Turkey

Why did you choose to work with this age group?

Two year olds are so much fun. They are curious and eager to learn

What are the most challenging things for you during the day?

Leaving my children at the end of the day

What accomplishments are you most proud of in your classroom?

I am extremely proud of teaching the children the Pledge of Allegiance, as well as teaching them the days of the week and months of the year in both English and Spanish

What are some of the funny things that the children in your class have done/said?

The funniest things that the children have done was singing Greenday's, "When September Ends"

What do you like to do on your free time?

I love taking care of my two-year-old son and working in the music studio

Anything else interesting you would like to add about yourself or your family?

I love learning about new cultures. My favorite time at Kiddie Academy was throwing an Israeli Party and Caribbean Party



The Holidays are

coming! Please check with your child's teacher to find out about special activities that will be

happening in the their classroom!



Any weather related closings or delays will be announced on News 12, WBAB & WBLI

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be happening in January!

Parents! Please remember that we cannot administer any medication to your child, whether it be prescription or OTC, unless it is accompanied by a Written Medication Consent Form. If you are going to your child's pediatrician, bring a copy of the form with you just in case you need it. The form is available at the front desk or on our website.



Don't forget about our Parent Referral Bonus! If you refer a child to our center, you will receive a FREE WEEK after 90 days of their enrollment, full or part time, equivalent to that child's tuition rate. Thank you to all who have already referred clients!

Holiday Safety Tips

Toys, holiday decorations and travel are a few areas to pay special attention to during the holidays and all year long.

Injuries can be prevented if you take certain precautions. Keep dangerous toys, foods and household items out of reach of little ones. Learn proper ways to provide early treatment for children

who are choking.

Take precautions to protect your-

self from injuries, including falls while decorating for the holidays. Install smoke alarms on every floor of your home, including the basement. Be sure to place smoke alarms near rooms



where people sleep. Recognize the possibility of falls, use ladders carefully and use safer alternatives such as step stools instead of furniture when hanging decorations.

If you are traveling in extreme cold, check and restock the winter emergency supplies in your care before you leave. Do not travel in low visibility conditions and avoid traveling on ice-covered roads, overpasses, and bridges if at all possible. Be sure to wear seat belts, bundle up and listen for radio or television reports of travel advisories issued by the National Weather Service.

Halloween Safety Tips

- Make sure your child eats a meal before setting out to Trick-or-Treat.
- Ideally, young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult.
- If your children go alone, make sure they carry a flashlight.
- Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home. You should know where they're going.
- Inspect all candy before eating it. Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect.
- Approach only houses that are lit.
- Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.
- Stay away from and don't pet unfamiliar animals.
- Pets get frightened on Halloween. Put them inside (away from the door) to protect them from cars or inadvertently biting a Trick-or-Treater.
- If you use real candles in your Jack O'Lantern, place the pumpkin well away from where Trick-or-Treaters will be walking or standing.
- Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won't be blown into a lit candle

Check Your Medicine Cabinet!

Here are the over-the-counter cough and cold medicines for children age 2 and under that are being withdrawn:

- Dimetapp Decongestant Plus Cough Infant Drops
- Dimetapp Decongestant Infant Drops
- Little Colds Decongestant Plus Cough
- Little Colds Multi-Symptom Cold Formula
- Pediacare Infant Drops Decongestant (containing pseudoephedrine)
- Pediacare Infant Dropper Decongestant (containing phenylephrine)
- Pediacare Infant Dropper Long-Acting Cough
- Pediacare Infant Dropper Decongestant & Cough (containing phenylephrine)
- Robitussin Infant Cough DM Drops
- Triaminic Infant & Toddler Thin Strips Decongestant
- Triaminic Infant & Toddler Thin Strips Decongestant Plus Cough
- Tylenol Concentrated Infants' Drops Plus Cold
- Tylenol Concentrated Infants' Drops Plus Cold & Cough

This voluntary withdrawal does not affect medicines intended for children age 2 and older.

Kiddie Academy would like to welcome these new students who started with us during Quarter 2!

Sea Stars

Billy B.
John J.
Madeline A.
Morgan M.
Sea Horses
Joseph G.
Luke S.
Theodore C.
Clown Fish I
Daniel E.
Kaitlyn J.
Jason D.
Ella O.

Clown Fish II

Jayden A.
Gabriel C.
Harp Seals I
Zoe A.
Amari J.
Jason R.
Harp Seals II
Miles P.
Marcus W.
Manatees I
Amanda G.
Paige K.
Toni Ann M.
Manatees II
Isabel P.
Jake B.
Kylie I.

Dolphins I

Daniel J.
Griffin D.
Jordan F.
Luis N.

Dolphins II

Bryan C.
Beluga Whales
Joseph I.
Sharks
Evan A.
Brook B.
Lucas B.
Brian B.
Christiano C.
Alex C.
Giovanni F.
Delia F.
Brian G.
Neldi G.
Leah H.
Jesse H.
Leah H.
Alyssa K.
Lillian K.
Alex M.
Kathryn M.
Kieran M.
Lili Noah
Diana O.
Michael P.
Amanda Q.
Steven S.
Michael S.
Joshua S.
Matthew T.
Spencer M.
Jonah O.
Julia V.
Thomas W.
Jonathan W.

Kiddie Academy of Greenlawn will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov 22nd, Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec 25th and New Year's Day, Tuesday, Jan 1st.

Time For Your Child's Checkup?

Why go to the doctor if your child isn't sick? Well-Child visits promote preventive care. We encourage you to take advantage of these regular visits. If you haven't already scheduled a visit, there's no time like the present.

One of the most important ways you can protect your child's health is to make sure that he or she receives all scheduled immunizations—they can protect your child against dangerous and potentially deadly diseases. It is also recommended that your child have a dental visit twice a year beginning when the first tooth comes in (usually between six and twelve months of age) or as directed by your pediatric dentist.



Colds and Flu Prevention

A proactive approach to warding off colds and flu is apt to make your whole life healthier. The most effective way to prevent the flu is to get the flu shot. There are other strategies you can employ as well.

- Wash your hands, wash your hands, wash your hands! Most colds and flu viruses are spread by direct contact. The germs can live for hours only to be picked up by the next person who touches the same object.
- Drink plenty of fluids. Water flushes your system, washing out the poisons as it rehydrates you.
- Don't Smoke! Statistics show that heavy smokers get more severe and frequent colds. Even being around smoke profoundly zaps the immune system.
- Cut Alcohol Consumption. Heavy alcohol use destroys the liver, the body's primary filtering system, which means that germs of all kinds won't leave your body as fast.