



Newsletter

KJ Academy - April 2011

Playground

Spring time is here! As you may have noticed, there are patches in the playground where it has been raked and grass seeds have been planted. For the time being, please do not walk on those patches. Hopefully our grass will be growing in a few weeks time. We have to get our playground nice and pretty for the summer!



Yan Ni is holding Isabella in her arms.



Zoe is waiting for his turn to water his beans.

Vegetable/Flower Garden

Our vegetable/flower garden needs new seeds & plants! Recently, we have been working to clean up our muddy garden. By the end of April or early May, we plan to take a field trip to the flower shop to buy flowers and vegetable seeds/plants for our garden.

We welcome donations to buy the flower and vegetable seeds & plants for our garden. Thanks!



Kindergarten Club

The kindergarten Club is almost half way through the alphabet! From time to time, please talk to your child about the letters we have learned. Doing so will help them familiarize themselves with the letters.

In April, we will be learning about letters H, I & J.

Please remember to bring pictures of the letter that we will be learning that week for our alphabet scrapbook. The children have been very excited to look through it. It's been helping them remember and make the connection between the letter and the picture.

Please also make sure that your child gets some time to draw in their journals and tell you what it's about. The journals are not only for practising to trace letters.



New Faces

We would like to welcome the following children to Kiddy Junction who have recently become a part of our KJA family:

- Sonia & Family
- Leo & Family
- Maggie & Family

We are so pleased to add you all to our KJA family!



GoodBye

We are sad to announce that Mattea and her family will be leaving our KJA family at the end of April. They will be moving to a new home and our location is no longer suitable. We wish them the best & will miss them greatly!

New Pet Rabbit

We have a new pet rabbit in our KJA family! Her name is Isabella. We occasionally take her out of the cage and let her hop around the daycare to get comfortable around the centre and the children. Welcome to the family, Isabella!



Pyjama/Movie Day

This month's Pyjama/Movie Day will be on April 29, 2011. Mark your calendars!!!-and don't forget your jammies and a movie!



Easter Closure

Kiddy Junction Academy will be closed for the Easter holiday. Please mark your calendars for the following two days:

- Good Friday April 22, 2011

- Easter Monday April 25, 2011



New Report Card

We hope that parents will have a better understanding of how their child is doing in the day-care through our new report cards(V.1).

We have received a lot of feedback from parents. Since it is the first version, we will have some adjustments & corrections to make. Almost all of the feedback we have received has been remarkably positive, and we are happy to see that.

If your child's report card has not been returned to the daycare, please sign it and do so immediately. You will be given your child's report card to keep after the 3 terms have been completed, or upon withdrawal of KJA.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation!

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Uniform

It has been about 3 months since we began our uniform policy. Now that everyone's had a few months to get adjusted to the uniforms, we are going to start being more strict regarding the policy.

Children are required to wear their uniform Monday to Thursday, Fridays are casual days.

The 'pant' uniforms are required to have their white uniform shirt with navy pants. The uniform shirt should be a collared polo/golf shirt with out logo/patch over the heart. Any shirts worn under the uniform should be plain solid white where visible. The Navy pants may NOT be sweatpants, cargo pants, or jeans.

The 'Dress/Tunic' versions are required to have their green plaid dress with plain solid white (visible) shirt underneath along with plain black, navy, or white tights (leggings are also acceptable).

In the future, all the children will be expected to wear black shoes with their uniforms, but we will not be enforcing this now.

If you'd like your child to wear a sweater, it must be navy in colour and be either of the following:

- a button down cardigan,
- a v-neck pull-over, or
- a pull-over sweater vest

The sweater must also have our crest (patch) over the heart. You may choose to order a sweater from us, or you may purchase the crest and sew it onto your approved sweater yourself. Please ask a staff member for an order form if you wish to order clothing for your child.



Children's Festival

We will be attending the children's festival on May 30th, 2011. Again, we will need some parental volunteers ! A sign up sheet will be available in the end of April. If you decide to join us as a parent volunteer, you will be expected to aid the teachers during the trip. We appreciate all the time and effort that parents squeeze out of their busy schedule and help make the field trip come true!



Ms. Melissa is doing the white flowers and food colouring experiment with the children. The children are predicting what will happen to the flowers when they are placed in the color water.



The children are decorating the door using special window drawing markers.

Preschool Open House

Our KJA Preschool is almost ready for opening! We are waiting for the licence to get through, in the meantime, we will be having open houses for the preschool to help build enrollment. Please tell your family and



friends about our KJA Preschool. The dates for the open house will be posted shortly. Please stay tuned.

Toys From Home

It has come to our attention that some children have been playing shooting games with their home toys. In several cases, these games have become quite extreme. Some parents are concern about the violent plays in the centre, and wondering where their children are picking up the violent tendencies. We have a strong policy regarding guns and shooting in the centre, where we DO NOT have any gun plays in the centre. In addition, We ask that (temporarily) there will be **no toys from home** except comfort toys (such as a blanket or stuffy) for nap time. We will let you know when toys from home will be permitted again.

Together as a team, let's enforce this policy and make the daycare a friendly environment for all the children and families.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!



Sophia is putting soil in the pot for her bean.



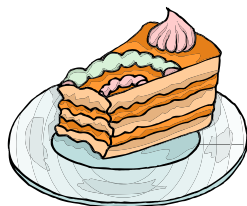
Hunter is adding water to his bean.

Kiddy Chefs

In March, we made mashed potatoes for the celebration of St. Patrick's Day. The children had fun mashing the potatoes and adding bacon bits and sour cream to their own mashed potato.

For this month, we will be making carrot cake for the celebration of Easter. Please mark your calendars for April 21, 2011.

Happy Baking!



Latest Documentation



Our new investigation has led to gardening and spring time. We have been discussing insects and plants.

- The children have made crawling bugs and butterflies for art activities.
- The children have been potting plants and taking care of them by watering them everyday.
- We had discussions with the children about what they know about plants and bugs by writing their input on the board.
- We have watched a short program from the Magic School Bus about flowers. The children learned about pollen and seeds that come from flowers.
- We did an experiment with the children where we put white flowers in coloured water. The children observed the flowers changing color as they absorbed the coloured water.

We still have lots of investigating to do! Keep an eye out for all the latest art work on the walls.

Please take some time looking at our dinosaur investigation in the white binder beside the sign in sheet.



Star of the Month

Benjamin is our Star of the Month! He gets along with all the children in the centre, includes everyone in his play and sharing his toys. Keep up the good work, Benjamin! Remember to bring in your poster!



Happy Belated Birthday

Wish a Happy Belated Birthday to **HUNTER** whose birthday was in March. Happy Birthday!



Parent Participation Day

As we mentioned on the March newsletter, we are starting something new at KJA, where we would like parents to have an active involvement with their child and the other children at the centre.

Parents who signed up are welcome to spend the whole day or just a few hours of your time at the daycare.

The Parent Participation Day will be on Monday April 18, 2011. Parent participation is limited to one family per day and a sign-up sheet will be posted shortly.

Story Yoga

We are going to try something new at Kiddy Junction Academy, where we are going to do 'Storyyoga' with the children twice a month.

The staff have recently attended a workshop together to obtain 'Storyyoga' training specifically designed for preschool and daycare children. We are currently collecting yoga mats for our yoga experiences and currently only have gathered 8. If you or someone you know has an old yoga mat you could donate, it would be greatly appreciated!

We will incorporate yoga with stories, which will allow children to relax and stretch on a yoga mat while listening to stories. Namaste!



April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Curriculum Day, Early Closure: 3pm	2
3	4	5	6 Walk to the Park	7 Music Class	8 Walk to the Park	9
10	11	12 Walk to the Park	13	14 Story Yoga	15 Walk to the Park	16
17	18 Parent Participation	19	20 Walk to the Park	21 Kiddy Chefs Music Class	22 Good Friday KJA CLOSED	23
24	25 Easter Monday KJA CLOSED	26	27 Walk to the Park	28 Story Yoga	29 Pajama/Movie Day	30



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