

Kidopolis Name News

October 2014



Read for the Record

Jumpstart's premiere national campaign, *Read for the Record*, mobilizes millions of children and adults to celebrate literacy by participating in the largest shared reading experience.

On October 21, 2014, people across the country will unite to read the children's book *Bunny Cakes*, a comical story of sibling bonding and birthday shenanigans, by bestselling author and illustrator Rosemary Wells, in support of Jumpstart's mission: to work toward the day every child in America enters kindergarten prepared to succeed.

Come join the fun and help set a new world record!

For more information please visit:
<http://www.jstart.org/>

Important Dates

Month of October

Breast Cancer Awareness

Join us in wearing pink every Wednesday!

October 13

Columbus Day, Center Closed

October 21

Read for the Record

October 29

Family Matters Webinar Series

(see pg. 4 for details)

October 31

Halloween

Waitlist Reminder

As a new year is upon us and our children grow and age into their new classrooms, we have many children looking to join our program. If you are expecting any changes to your family or schedules in the next year, please know that there is a waitlist for our Infant and Toddler programs. Please contact Gladys if you have any questions, concerns, or to put your name on our list.

Reminders:

To insure safety, we request that parents refrain from using cell phones while entering and leaving our center's parking lot. Additionally, we ask that you never leave a child unattended in a parked vehicle.

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Classroom Highlights



Infants

Children develop important physical abilities by becoming aware of what their bodies can do when they move both with and without objects. As they move different ways, children also acquire an understanding of the concepts and language that are connected to physical actions. When your child engages in pretend (or dramatic) play, she is actively experimenting with the social and emotional roles of life. Through cooperative play, she learns how to take turns, share responsibility, and creatively problem-solve.



Toddlers/Twos

Mastering one-to-one correspondence is essential for organized, meaningful counting. In Math recognizing the number "ten," and being able to count out "ten" items are two separate skills. Linking objects with numbers enables a child to count with understanding. This leads to an eventual ability to perform higher-level calculations. One-to-one correspondence is also important for your child's reading success. It reinforces the print-to-voice connection, meaning that your child "says" what he or she "sees."

Preschool

Representation is the process in which one thing is used to stand for (or represent) another. When we use pictures, models, images, symbols, and language, we are using representation. Preschoolers are just beginning to represent. Representational experiences are important for children because they lay the foundation for adult thinking skills. The abilities involved in representation are used by adults to solve problems, to think creatively, and to communicate with others. Here, the friends in St. Charles work to create a friendship mural.



Kindergarten Prep

Cooking is a wonderful learning experience for young children. They are able to learn the science of cooking as well as how to measure and mix, as well as working with others. Cooking can help young kids learn and practice some basic math concepts and build language skills. And the experience of creating meals with you can help build their self-confidence and lay the foundation for healthy eating habits. Notice how William and Nour work together to pour flour into their pretzel batter.

READY for SCHOOL Parent News: Inclusion Interactions

Early childhood is the time when children develop lifelong values and dispositions that affect how they view the world, how they relate to others and ultimately how they act. The core of each child's self-esteem and identity stems from the interactions between the child and important adults in the child's life. Children who have a secure sense of identity, (which includes gender, size, race, ethnicity, language, religion, culture, family composition, abilities, etc.), are more likely to develop skills to be inclusive of others.

Just as prejudice and stereotyping are learned behaviors, tolerance and inclusion are learned behaviors as well. Telling children to "be kind," and "play with everyone" or punishing a child for hurting a friend, have little lasting effect on the development of their attitudes. Observing adults being kind and including other people is much more effective. Children learn by modeling the adults in their world. Children are strong perceivers, and they take in all the subtleties of the adults' behaviors.

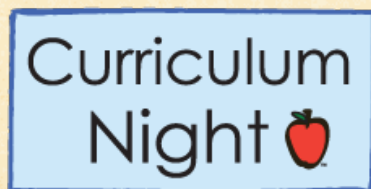
Our behaviors and beliefs have a tremendous impact on how children feel about themselves, view the world, and how they regard differences. As parents, we need to continuously be self-reflective and think about both the direct and subtle messages that we give children. We convey messages by our words, jokes, seemingly innocent comments, tone, body language, facial expressions, and physical actions.

Parents are key in instilling the values of respect, acceptance, and inclusion in their children. Children who feel good about themselves tend to have open hearts and minds; they are less likely to judge people by their accents, clothing, skin colors, sexual preference, age or physical appearance. Acute awareness of the messages that we give children is key. Think about the powerful effect it has on any child when we give him or her the message, "You are recognized, you are valued and I'm **really** glad you're my child."

Bright Horizons News



Curriculum Night 2014: “A Day in the Life”



Join us for a special event and “experience a day in the life” of your child at Curriculum Night 2014.

Parents of children in all age groups are welcome to attend and orientate themselves to their child’s upcoming year with Bright Horizons. Familiarize yourself with your child’s classroom and daily schedule, experience how the various pieces of *The World at Their Fingertips®* curriculum are brought to life each day, and meet with your child’s teachers to ask questions and discuss learning objectives for the upcoming year throughout the event.

Share in the experience and invite your friends and family to attend Curriculum Night with you and your family. You can learn more about Curriculum Night by asking your Center Director or child’s teacher.

SAVE THE DATE: October installment of the Family Matters Webinar Series!



A Bright Horizons Webinar Series

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Wednesday, October 29, 2:00 pm EST

Featuring [AARP](#) Health Experts, Bright Horizons Family Solutions® is bringing you the next installment of the Family Matters Webinar Series on the the basics of Medicare for caregivers Join us in this hour long webinar to discover what you need to know about Medicare policies in an quick and easy to understand format.

Keep checking www.brighthorizons.com/webinar for the latest registration information as it becomes available!