



April 2020 Newsletter

COVID-19 Closure and Renovation

As many of you know that the closure of non-essential businesses has been extended. We hope that during this time you are enjoying the extra time with your children. We know that this has been hard on everyone, but we will get through this together.

During this extended closure Pre-K Kids is working hard to clean, disinfect, and update/renovate the classrooms. This includes painting, steam cleaning the carpets, cleaning and waxing the floors, and disinfecting the toys and furniture. During this time, we will also be reviewing and revising our cleaning/sanitizing/disinfecting procedure and will create a new procedure to help keep children, family members, and staff healthy.

April Birthdays

Reid R. 4/7
Riley P. 4/8
Miss Oonagh 4/16
Mia P. 4/18
Adeline W. 4/23
Scarlett W. 4/23
Emma W. 4/28
Miss Kristen 4/30



Resource List

We know that many of you did not plan on being homeschool teachers, and that many of you are wondering what to do with your little ones. We have found some resources for you that you can use with your children during this time at home. Please know that while it is important for your child to continue learning, it is more important that they are happy, safe, and enjoy this time with their family. I know Miss. Abbie, Miss Lauren, and Miss Knight have also created Facebook groups so that they can post activities and keep in contact with their children. The toddler teachers will be using kidreports to keep in contact with families and send out some activities that you can do with your children. Please remember that if a child is not interested please do not fight with them to do the activities.

- Here's The Entire List of Education Companies Offering Free Subscriptions Due to School Closings Kids Activities Blog:
<http://ow.ly/Pkvx30qskk8>
- Looking to keep your little one keep busy? How about virtual field trips, TED Talks, art lessons, emotional health activities, mindfulness, hands-on activities--they're all there on the PA Promise for Children Pinterest board, Stay At Home Activities:
https://www.pinterest.com/PALEARN/stay-at-home-activities/?invite_code=51864ce21582439caa7c251a1fac6517&sender=359725226394654074&fbclid=IwAR0dg-KItJlknDBumh3PP4-d3--zkjBQMipC8_PG0mNc0QDKjxX_acixz48
- Here are 30+ great Virtual Field Trips for early learners to explore from your home on your couch. From zoos and landmarks to famous museums, you can explore the world with your child with over a month of virtual field trips!
https://theeducatorsspinonit.com/virtual-field-trips-for-kids/?fbclid=IwAR0tgK_rNY2IV8k7xiO-dCdBgSnrvbOdo8cnVsq_7-h0MQ3wP-pfwr24zos
- PBS KIDS is launching a weekday newsletter to share activities and tips you can use to keep your child playing and learning at home. Sign up now!
https://www.pbs.org/parents/pbskidsdaily?source=fb&fbclid=IwAR1fSPNyktH00_hlfbaArTELLAO-nEHbhm-A6xAnsrTTq7nXljkIzhgjJtI



Toddler Ideas

Many of the resources on the pervious page are geared more towards preschool and older children, but some of them can be very good for toddlers. Because of this, we wanted to give the toddlers some ideas of what you can do at home in everyday activities to continue learning and some ideas that will make transition back to Pre-K Kids easier.

Our #1 suggestion is to try to keep a similar meal and nap pattern that they followed at Pre-K Kids. Breakfast @ 8-8:30, Am Snack @ 10-10:30, Lunch @ 11:30-12, Lay down for nap @ 12:30-1, Pm Snack @ 2:30-3. These are just suggestion please do not feel that it is something you must do.

Learning Through Play

While you are building blocks or legos talk about the shapes, colors, and even count them. When you are coloring is always a great time to practice colors, but also a great time to practice name recognition or just recognizing the first letter in their name. Outside time is a great time to teach your children about science and social studies thinking use a book to discover things in a neighborhood, and then take a walk around the neighborhood. Help him/her find objects such as a mailbox, fire hydrant, spring flowers, squirrels or birds. Talk about what each item does, or what purpose it serves in the community(Social Studies Thinking). Talk to your child about the sky, grass, animals, or the weather(Science).

Miss Jessie and Miss Alyssa will be using kidreports to communicate more ideas and activities to do with your little ones. If you are unable to or have not used kidreports in the past please let Miss Shannon know at shannon@prekkidslearningcenter.com and she will try to get you connected. Remember just do what you can, and as long as your child is safe and happy that is the most important thing.

Pre-K Counts Enrollment

We are taking applications for the Pre-K Counts classroom for the 2020-2021 school year. The Pre-K Counts program provides quality full-day learning for 9am-3:30pm Monday-Friday to eligible children that are 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2020. Pre-K Counts is designed for children who are between the age 3 up to the entry age for kindergarten. It is a free program to families that live in PA earning up to 300% of the federal poverty level.

If you are interested or have any questions, please send an email to Miss Shannon at shannon@prekkidslearningcenter.com and she will answer them or send you an application if needed.

300%	
Family Size	Annual Income
1	\$38,280
2	\$51,720
3	\$65,160
4	\$78,600
5	\$92,040
6	\$105,480

