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# Academy Kids Mesquite Newsletter

## Welcome Back!

Welcome Back to School!! We are so glad to have you all here with us for the school year. We are so thankful you have put your child in our care. God has blessed this school with wonderful teachers and all who are so eager to teach your child and watch them grow each step of the way. We look forward to learning and growing with your child and working together with you to achieve your child's best early education. If you have ANY questions, please contact the office or talk to your child's teacher. We are in the office on Wednesdays and Fridays only but can be reached via email everyday of the week.

## School Paperwork

Please be sure to have your child's paperwork turned into the office ASAP. For each child we need a copy of their birth certificate, shot records and the BLUE enrollment form with all information filled out. We also need the YELLOW page at the back of the handbook signed and dated.

## Dance at Academy Kids

Center Stage Dance comes to AK on Fridays. Your child will try one dance class for free (in August) and if she likes it she may sign up. The cost is \$25 per month. Be sure to send her dance shoes in her school bag or in a separate dance bag. There is a form that Ms. Juli will have you sign. Please make sure you pay your dance tuition separate from the school tuition.

## Extended Days

Extended day times are still offered during the summer session. You may bring your child as early as 7:30am and they may stay as late as 5:00pm on school days. The fee for this is \$6 for morning OR afternoon (in the same day) or \$10 for both morning AND afternoon (in the same day). If you know ahead of time that your child will be staying late, please let their teacher know.

## Kids Night Out

Kids Night Out will be on September 11<sup>th</sup> this month. The cost is \$15 for one child, \$20 for two and \$25 for three or more children. We open the doors are 6:30 - 10:30. The kids will be served dinner, snacks and drinks, watch movies, play games and much more. You can email or call us with your reservation or you can show up at the door. We hope to see you here!

## School Hours

Please remember that school starts at 9:15am and ends promptly at 2:15pm. If you are early, arriving before 9:15 please take your child to the extended day class downstairs. If your child is here later than 2:15, they will be in the late room downstairs. It is very important that the teachers have this time in the classrooms to prepare and clean up from the day.

Extended day starts at 7:30 in the morning and ends at 5pm in the afternoon. The cost for one of the extended periods is \$6 daily and for both it is \$10 daily.

## Home School Field Trips:

Wednesday and Friday  
September 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

Bring a friend day! For every friend your student brings, they will receive a reward.

Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Dallas Zoo - Parents who attend with the school will received a free child's ticket. \$7.00 per child and bring a sack lunch.

October

NASA Houston - More information coming.

## Reminder to Parents

- Bring a lunch for your child each day. Please bring items that are ready to eat; we are unable to heat food items.
- Wear comfortable clothing to school that is able to get dirty and washes easily.
- **Please do not bring your child to their classroom before 9:15.** The teachers need time to get the classroom ready for the day. They will be charged for an extended day fee.

## Red Dragon Karate

Red Dragon karate school comes to the school every Wednesday. If your child is interested in taking karate here at the school, fill out the necessary paperwork and turn it in along with your monthly fee of \$25. Checks need to be made separate from your school tuition.

## Referral Credits

If your family refers another family to our school, you will receive a \$25 credit on your account which can be used towards any fees (tuition, enrollment or supply fee). Be sure to spread the word!

## Upcoming Events:

### First Day of School

Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### Open House

Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

6:00 – 7:30pm

### Kids Night Out

Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009

6:30-10:30

## This Month's Highlights:

### Week 1: School Days

August 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

Chapel: God Made the World - "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

### Week 2: I'm Me! I'm Special!

September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

Chapel: God Made Adam and Eve - "God said let us make man in our own image." Genesis 1:26

### Week 3: A Rainbow of Colors

September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

Chapel: Adam and Eve's Beautiful Home - "God saw all that He had made and it was very good." Genesis 1:31

### Week 4: Good Manners

September 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

Chapel: Building the Ark - "Go into the ark you and your whole family." Genesis 7:1

### Week 5: Community Helpers

September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

Chapel: The First Rainbow - "I have set my rainbow in the clouds... as a sign between me and the earth." Genesis 9:13

### Monthly Nursery Rhyme:

Mary Had a Little Lamb

## Carpool Procedures

You are welcome to walk your child to his/her class each morning but we encourage you to utilize our carpool system. Just pull to the door and a teacher will come out to your vehicle and take them to their class. Please do not park your car or get out of your vehicle. This not only slows the carpool system process but is also a fire hazard. Children really love the feeling of independence or getting out themselves and walking to class like a big kid!

## Fighting Siblings - "What do I do?" - by Shirley King

Bill Cosby once said, "You aren't really a parent until you've had your second child." Parents of one child won't really understand this. Parents of two or more children will relate to this statement immediately. He was referring to the seemingly constant bickering and fighting between brothers and sisters.

However, having more than one child can provide opportunities for them to learn many things. They are learning how to share, how to be a friend, how to love and get along with others, and how to cooperate among themselves in relation to their brothers and sisters. There are many positive aspects to family life with more than one child, although many parents would say, "Not in my family!"

This continual fighting between siblings is one of the major frustrations parents have. They feel that nothing they are doing is working. Parents' typical reactions to fighting include: screaming "Shut-up! You're driving me crazy!" taking sides, threats, accusations, dismissing negative feeling, and solving children's problems for them. All of these reactions only add fuel to the fire.

Instead of reacting to the fighting, parents can choose to be pro-active. They can stay out of the fights in a nonjudgmental way. Children need to be able to settle things for themselves. Parents can teach negotiation skills later during a calm period. Teach your child to say "I'll give you these blocks for those." This will help them learn win-win skills that will be there when they are needed now and useful in the future.

Another thing parents can do is show confidence that their children will work things out. "I see two children and one doll, and I know you two can work things out together so both of you are happy." Believe it and walk out of the room. You'll be surprised.

Or, the parent can get down on the children's level and lovingly put a hand out. They will give you the toy. Carol DeVeny, a local daycare owner, was skeptical at first. However, she reported that the two toddlers stopped the fight, gave her the toy, and said "We share, Mommy." Carol said it brought tears to her eyes to see this.

And finally, parents need to remember to affirm and accept feeling. All feelings are O.K., but not all actions are. A parent can say, "You felt very angry at your sister because she broke your truck. You can tell her with words, not hitting." Keep in mind that the bad feelings need to come out before we can get to the good feelings.

When parents react to hostility with hostility, they are unwittingly promoting sibling rivalry. Future generations will need the skills of negotiation and cooperation in their businesses and personal relationships. Parents can begin now to teach their children these important skills. Think about what an incredible difference this can make in their lives!

[http://www.positiveparenting.com/resources/feature\\_article\\_010.html](http://www.positiveparenting.com/resources/feature_article_010.html)

## Happy Birthday Teachers

Ms. Felicia 9/22  
Ms. Anna 9/27

## Happy Birthday Students

### August Birthdays:

Emma V. 8/2  
Josiah R. 8/3  
Luke M. 8/12 – Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday!  
Riley P. 8/12  
John D. 8/16  
Nicholas M. 8/17  
Dylan D. 8/24  
Austin S. 8/24  
Vincent M. 8/29

### September Birthdays:

Addisen P. 9/1  
Thomas N. 9/3 – Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday!  
Caden C. 9/10  
Marleigh Anna S. 9/10  
Travis S. 9/15  
Gabriel C. 9/16  
Jacqueline D. 9/20  
Haven S. 9/22  
Jayce A. 9/23  
Kayla A. 9/23  
Lucas C. 9/24  
Daymian D. 9/28



*"A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love." -St. Basil*

