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# Kidzone Korner

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

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Welcome back to all of our returning families. It has been a busy summer here at Kidzone. I hope that all of you had time for rest and relaxation. We have our preschool program in place for fall and are looking forward to a new school year. If you are new to Kidzone this year, I encourage you to check out our website, <http://www.kidzoneonline.com>, for a list of our monthly curriculum plans. I would remind everyone that Friday is our "Show and Tell" day. It is always nice when the children can bring in an item that falls in with our work for the week, but any non-violent item is always welcome.

I am always open to suggestions, and welcome feedback from you. We would love to see more of the parent surveys returned! I truly believe that a positive partnership between parents and caregivers is vital to your child's healthy development. My office hours are Monday through Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Thursdays will be my late night until 6pm; and Fridays will be until noon.

Please remember to check our monthly calendar for our upcoming events. We look forward to seeing parents at our monthly family days. If you have a suggestion for a special event please let me know.

Let's have a great school year!

Sincerely,

*Karla Pepple*

## FAMILY REMINDERS

- Please check your child in and out everyday through our ProCare system.
- Check your child's mailbox everyday located at the check-in computer. This is how our teachers will communicate with you and where your child's work for the day will be placed.
- Please make sure you pay tuition on the Monday it is due by 6:00 p.m. If tuition is not paid on time, late fees will apply.
- Make sure your child has extra clothes that are appropriate for the weather in their cubby. If they should need a change of clothes & we don't have theirs here at the center, we will need you to bring them immediately.
- If your child is here during lunch time, you will need to supply them with a lunch each day. We do not have things here to make them a lunch. If they do not have a lunch we will call you to bring them one.
- Please put a freezer pack in the lunch box so that it can stay in their cubby. We don't have much room in our refrigerator.
- If your child is here during nap time, you will need to provide them with a small blanket and pillow. They need to be clearly marked with your child's name. Make sure they go home every Friday to be washed and then brought back on the following Monday.
- All infant and toddler families need to fill out the "My day at home" portion of the infant/toddler participation sheet before leaving your child at the center. This is our policy. These sheets are the key to a successful day for your child.
- Remember to take your shoes off when entering the infant room. This keeps the floors clean so our infants are able to crawl and explore their world.

## EVENT REMINDER



We have special events planned throughout the year that will be open to parents. We work hard to make Kidzone an open, welcoming environment that the children and their families feel comfortable in. Please make every effort to support your child and attend as many special things as possible. Thank you!

*Jenna and her mom visit at our Valentine Banquet*

# CHILD RECORDS

Please make sure that your child has all their paperwork filled out and turned in. Michigan state law requires us to have all immunizations and physicals up to date and on file for each child. If your child is in need of an updated physical, you will find blank health appraisal forms at the front desk. Please notify the office immediately of any address or phone number changes. It's important for us to have current phone numbers in case of emergency.

## EARLY START CURRICULUM AT KIDZONE

### September Themes



- School and me
- Happy and healthy
- My five senses
- Fire Safety
- Color - Red
- Letters - A, F, R

### October Themes



- Families and homes
- Autumn time
- Pumpkin patch
- Pumpkins & pretend
- Color - Orange
- Letters - P, O, L

### November Themes



- Bears & more bears
- Good manners
- Pilgrims & Indians
- Turkey gobblers
- Color - Brown
- Letters - B, T

### December Themes



- Around the world
- Around the world
- Winter Holidays
- Winter Holidays
- Color - Gold
- Letters - D, N

## ENJOY THE UPCOMING APPLE SEASON WITH THIS DELICIOUS FALL RECIPE:

### Sweet Potatoes and Apples

- 4 large sweet potatoes
- 4 large apples
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1.5 tsp salt
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup apple cider

Step 1: Boil potatoes. Peel and cut into 1/2 inch crosswise slices. Wash, core and pare apples. Cut into 1/2 inch rounds.

Step 2: Sauté apples in half of the butter until golden. Arrange alternate slice of potatoes and apples in a greased 2 quart casserole. Combine remaining butter, salt, sugar and apple cider. Pour half over potatoes and apples. Bake mixture at 375 degrees for 30 minutes. Add remaining sugar mixture. Bake another 20 minutes.

