



**Kidzone Preschool &
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Kidzone Korner

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Happy New Year!

I hope 2008 was everything you and your family had hoped for and that 2009 will be a wonderful year for all!

During the winter months we may face weather related closings. Please listen to your radio or TV stations for closing information. You will be listening/watching for Lake Michigan College, not Kidzone. If you would like a list of which stations are included please see me.

I would like to thank all of you who donated gifts for our Christmas family; thank you for helping make Christmas special for them. May you be blessed for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Karla Pepple

FAMILY REMINDERS

- Please check your child in and out everyday.
- Check your child's folder everyday. This is how the teacher's will communicate with you and this is where your child's work for the day will be put.
- 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 or put shoe covers on 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!

The children enjoying our Fall Harvest Feast 2008.

WINTER TIME AND OUTDOOR PLAY

Children need the chance to run, jump and get exercise everyday. Unless there is rain or severe weather, children should play outside each day. Parents should dress their children for outdoor play. Children should wear comfortable clothing that they can get dirty in. Cold weather, wet hair and chills do not cause colds. Viruses do. People tend to catch colds more often in the winter because these viruses are spread more easily being cooped up indoors, where there may be more contact with dry air and people with colds.

EARLY START CURRICULUM AT KIDZONE

January Themes



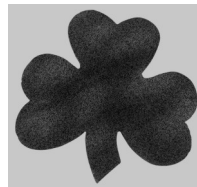
- Brr-r-r it's winter!
- Living in a cold land
- Learning about time
- People who help
- Ll, Mm, Nn, Oo

February Themes



- Circus
- Hearts and candy
- American heroes
- Measure up
- Pp, Qq, Rr, Ss

March Themes



- Dinosaur days
- In the sky
- Moving from here to there
- Windy spring
- Tt, Uu, Vv, Ww

April Themes



- Rainy spring
- Taking care of our earth
- In my garden
- Birds and bugs
- Xx, Yy, Zz

MAKE BIRTHDAYS MORE FUN:



1. **BE RULER FOR THE DAY.** Let your child pick the dinner menu, ignore chores and generally rule the roost on their birthday.
2. **WAKE TO CAKE.** Get up early on your child's birthday, light candles on the cake, and rouse the honoree with the traditional song. Then pile onto the bed, grab forks, and dig in.
3. **MAKE EACH GIFT EXTRA SPECIAL.** Use white art paper and personalize the wrapping for your child using stickers, drawings, photos and notes.
4. **HIDE A PRIZE IN THE CAKE.** Poke a piece of chocolate or a soft piece of candy into the birthday cake before frosting it. Whoever finds the candy wins a special prize. This is nice with siblings since anyone can win.