



Katie's Kids News & Events



November 2009

We would like to share with you another reason why we do what we do here at Katie's Kids. Below is a list of "10 signs of a Great preschool" as determined by the National Association of Education for Young Children (NAEYC). We encourage you to read through these things and think about whether or not you see these 10 signs here at Katie's Kids...we think you might!

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Early Years are Learning Years

10 Signs of a Great Preschool

1. Children spend most of their time playing and working with materials or other children. They do not wander aimlessly, and they are not expected to sit quietly for long periods of time.
2. Children have access to various activities throughout the day. Look for assorted building blocks and other construction materials, props for pretend play, picture books, paints and other materials, and table toys such as matching games, pegboards, and puzzles. Children should not all be doing the same thing at the same time.
3. Teachers work with individual children, small groups, and the whole group at different times during the day. They do not spend all their time with the whole group.
4. The classroom is decorated with children's original artwork, their own writing with invented spelling and stories dictated by children to teachers.
5. Children learn numbers and the alphabet in the context of their everyday experiences. The natural world of plants and animals and meaningful activities like cooking, taking attendance or serving snack provides the basis for learning activities.
6. Children work on projects and have long periods of time (at least one hour) to play and explore. Worksheets are used little if at all.
7. Children have an opportunity to play outside every day. Outdoor play is never sacrificed for more instructional time.
8. Teachers read books to children individually or in small groups throughout the day, not just at group story time.
9. Curriculum is adapted for those who are ahead as well as those who need additional help. Teachers recognize that children's different background and experiences mean that they do not learn the same things at the same time in the same way.
10. Children and their parents look forward to school. Parents feel secure about sending their child to the program. Children are happy to attend: they do not cry regularly or complain of feeling sick.

Classroom TidBits



November

Room 1

Hello Everyone! Wow, where did October go? Room 1 has been busy and has had some changes this month. We have welcomed a new support staff in our room Miss Laura who will be working 7:30 to 4:30 and we have said good-bye to Miss Nicole. As for her and her husband have decided to make the move to Florida! We will miss her, but also look forward to getting to know Miss Laura.

We started a new project about animals by going on a field trip to Miller Park Zoo! Check out some of the pictures on Katie's Kids website. We have been roaring, stomping, and flying in our room lately. We have talked about and made elephants, tigers, and birds.

We will continue our animal project and focusing on monkeys and turtles, then moving on to Farm animals! If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

Miss Megan, Miss Lindsay, and Miss Laura

Room 2

We have been having fun working on our animal unit. Check out our sheep, cow and pig artwork – ask your child what sound these animals make.

We also had a special visitor to our room...Buddy, Miss Mo's white westie!

We would also like to welcome Miss Tanisha to our room as well as some new friends. We also wish Gavin and Dylan good luck as they venture off to the Toddler/Two's room!

Miss Hannah, Miss Cathy, Miss Katie and Miss Tanisha

Room 3

We want to offer a warm welcome to Leslie, who has joined our room. Katelyn and Jackson have moved up to room 2. We are sure they will enjoy this new experience! The babies loved trying to catch and the bubbles during our bubble blowing activity. They watched the bubbles intently as they gently floated along. The babies had a wonderful time tugging on the balloons and watching them bob as we celebrated Miss Tanisha's Birthday. The older ones had fun carrying the balloons around the room while crawling. Painting mini pumpkins was an interesting adventure! The babies felt the smooth paint and did a super job creating special pumpkins.

Miss Becca, Miss Cari & Miss Margi and Miss Chasney

Room 4

We had so much fun on our first Tod/Two's field trip to the zoo! Thanks to everyone for helping create such a memorable trip!

We are continuing to explore the world of animals, we learned about zoo and water animals. We will continue to investigate by learning about farm animals! We would like to welcome our new friends Gavin and Nishant to our room.

Congratulations to our friends Drew and Jordan who graduated to Pre-School! As we move into colder weather please remember to bring in winter items for your child. We will still try and spend some time outside even when it's a little chilly.

Miss Emily, Miss Heather, and Miss Ramie

Room 5

Thank you for all of your contributions during our food project! The children have enjoyed trying and seeing new foods.

This month we will start looking at grains. We will talk about their texture, color, smell and of course, taste.

Please continue to look at our wish list for any items we may need. As always, contact us with any questions and thank you for sharing your children with us!

Miss Elena and Miss Samantha

Room 6

The month of October was a blast! We've been having so much fun exploring and doing lots of research on our "Pets" project. We still have a couple more weeks left on our project. Next we will be talking about Toads and Frogs and discuss their similarities and differences. Then to wrap our "pets" project up, we will be having a veterinarian come in and discuss what their job is and how they help pets. Also during the month of October we had several new friends transition into our classroom. Lets welcome, Ryan, Kendall and Drew!! We also have a new friend in our class, Aadhira, she is new to the center. November will be a very exciting and busy month with our up and coming project planning. Everyone have a happy fall!!

Miss Cheryl, Miss Tassia

Room 7

"Culinary events" have been the focus for our busy room of restaurant entrepreneurs.

Project work has included investigations into various types of restaurants, menus, the duties of servers, and currently, the responsibilities of a chef (this includes lots of "yummy" experiments). Paying the bill and practicing the proper use of money will round out our project web.

We want to welcome a new student to the classroom, Kayland! The kids have done a great job making him feel welcome!

Miss Diane

Room 8

Hi from Room 8! We are continuing our fall unit. We are still unsure what our next unit is going to be. We will let parents know as soon as we know.

Thanks to all of our parents who have donated things to our room, we really appreciate it!!

We also wanted to remind parents about the toys from home policy at Katie's Kids. Soft nap time toys are always welcome. Superhero, action figures or toy weapons are not allowed at KKLC due to the fact they can cause aggressive play. If you have any questions, please ask a CDS or refer to your parent handbook, pages 9 and 10.

Miss Erin and Miss Missy

H1N1/Flu

* Please make sure that your children are washing and/or sanitizing their hands upon arrival at the center!

* Staff will be conducting "health checks" when children arrive to make sure that they are fever free and don't have any noticeable signs of illness.

* Children must be fever free without Tylenol or Motrin for 24 hours before returning to the center.



Birthdays

Children

Blain 11/4
Nadia 11/5
Bryson 11/13
Jordan 11/17
Naveen 11/18

Staff

Megan 11/14
Missy 11/14



Center Events



November

11/6- Room 8

Parent Teacher Conferences

11/9 & 11/10-Lifetouch Fall
and Holiday Photos

11/10-Pac Meeting
5:00-6:00 pm

11/26 & 11/27-Thanksgiving
Holiday:Center Closed

December

12/8-PAC Meeting
5:00-6:00

12/24 & 12/25 Christmas Holiday
Center Closed

1/1 New Year's Day
Center Closed

Relay for Life Information

November

Shop for a Cure Postponed until further notice! Anyone interested in finding out more information, whether it be for walking at the event, helping with a fundraiser, or giving ideas, please attend next meeting, Monday November 9, 2009 At 6:30pm. Any questions please contact any of the members: Megan Schutlz, Lindsay Dagley, Becca Holtzmann, Heather Jacobson, Katie Stelle, or Wendy Dwinal.

Thank you for your support!

Katie's Kids Kicks Cancer Relay for Life Team
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