

Academy Newsletter and Classroom Updates

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Academy Parent Letter/Highlights

Aloha Families, can you believe that the summer is almost over? We have many wonderful things happening this month and we are sure to be very busy as well. We are in the last few weeks of summer before we have to say goodbye to summer and Hello Fall! Please note that the public schools are changing their start times this year and we need to be ready sooner for school.

With the new school year starting we are also facing new challenges due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. We want to thank you all with the ever changing atmosphere that this pandemic has brought not only outside of the facility but also inside. We know none of it has been easy so we want to thank you all for your patience and understanding. This year all children are required to wear masks while in attendance at the center. We know our younger friends may struggle with it and we will work with them on being comfortable with them on.

As our school age children arrive to the busses after school they will be required to sanitize their hands before getting on the buss and they will sanitize again when they arrive at the school. We want to keep all children safe and we are working closely with our state licensing board and the Kiddie Academy Health essentials guidelines.

Character Essentials: We are strong

The goal this month is to help the children recognize their inner strength and to encourage them to believe in themselves. Through activities and learning about strong individuals, the children will understand how confidence, persistence, assertiveness, and bravery help a person to overcome obstacles and be successful. The hope is for them to develop these traits in themselves and to develop the courage and confidence in communicating their thoughts, feelings, and needs respectfully.

- Confidence: believing in the abilities of oneself
- Persistence: doing something for an extended period of time, even though it may be difficult or challenging
- Assertiveness: speaking up for oneself and others in a way that is honest and respectful; standing up for one's rights in a calm and positive way
- Bravery: facing or enduring new experiences and difficult situations with courage

- Ms Mel



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Monkeys (1st- 6th grade) Classroom Updates

Welcome to the new school year monkey Families! Hope you enjoyed your summer break! To start with we would like to welcome back Mr Dee and Carter, we would also like to welcome our new friend Grace to the our class.

As we get this new school year started we want to let our families know that wearing a mask in our facility will continue until further notice. If you have any question please feel free to ask or speak with Ms Mel.

To give a bit of an overview of how the center will work when your child arrives from public school. We will be taking each child's temperature before they enter the classroom as well as they will be washing or sanitizing their hands upon arrival. Once your child arrives from public school they will have a bit of time to calmly socialize with their classmates before they have a snack. Once snack is complete they will be starting on their homework. We are huge advocates that homework and a daily reading of 20/30 minutes happens daily. If your child is struggling please let us know and their main public school teacher.

This month's Character Essentials is We are strong. The goal this month is yo help the children realize their inner strength and to encourage them to believe in themselves. This month we will be focusing on the themes of; back to school. all about me, and friendship.

Lastly we want to send out some Happy Birthday wishes to Daisy Outlaw. We hope you have a fabulous birthday,

As always if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come and speak with us.

- Ms Haley and Mr Dee

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Ladybugs (3&4's) Classroom Updates

Hello Ladybug families and welcome to August! The summer flew by so quick that the 2021/2022 school will begin in just a couple of weeks. We only have 2 weeks of summer fun left and we will be going on our Dream Vacations! We will fly a plane to Australia to visit kangaroos, eat tostadas in Mexico and have a luau in Hawaii!! We will discuss ways We Are Strong for our Character Essentials. We will focus on confidence,persistence,assertiveness,and bravery. This Thursday will be our last water play day.

If you plan on having your little one spend the school year with us,please sign up with the office quickly because space is limited. I hope to see many of my Ladybug friends return. Some of my Ladybug bug friends will be moving onto the Dolphin class and that will begin August 16th 2021.

The 2021/2022 school year begins August 16,2021. We will be focusing on All About Me! We will get to know all our new friends and reintroduce our returning friends. We will also learn about Our Classroom, Our Friends and Our Families. Homework packets will begin going out on Tuesday September 7th,2021.

Friday August 6th we will have our end of summer luau! Please let your child dress up and participate in the fun! If you would like to donate a treat or food item please see the sign up sheet posted upfront by the computer. No nuts please.

I would like to say a big Happy Birthday to my Ladybug friends Rowan and Quinn! I hope you have a fantastic birthday Ladybugs!

_ Ms Lea and Ms Mandy



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Dolphins (4 &5's) Classroom Updates

Hello Dolphin families, We are coming to the end of summer camp ventures. Wednesday the 11th is the last day for summer camp. We are concluding our summer camp with the theme " Dream Vacations" For the first week, children will create their own passport, use their creative and imaginative minds to plan their vacation, travel to Mexico and make their own tostada and also paper planes. We will also have a Luau party. For the other half of our Dream Vacation theme, children will imagine a vacation on space, taste test space food and make a volcano. For character essentials, we will talk about " We Are Strong" and dive in depth and talk about and do a role playing scenario on Confidence, persistence, assertiveness and bravery. We will begin the week by talking about confidence. What it means to be confident, what is something you're great at doing? Children will be given an opportunity to be teacher's helpers so that they feel confident. One of the important rules in our classroom is: Ms. Marina doesn't like to hear "I can't do it." Instead, be confident and say, "I can't do it yet, but I will try." Also, it's okay to make mistakes, we learn from mistakes. When I reiterate this to the children, they always have a big smile on their faces and I see the confident little children giving it a try. It's important to make them understand that as long as they're confident about themselves and don't give up, that matters the most. At home you could give your child opportunities to show confidence, like: dress themselves, pack their back pack for school, ask them what your child is learning at school.

First day of our school year 2021/2022 is Monday the 16th of August. The next few days, we will be saying good bye to our friends who are going to Kindergarten. We wish you all the best in Kindergarten my dear Dolphin graduates. I am very proud of each and everyone of you. On Monday the 16th, there will be a whole set of new Dolphins transitioning from Lady bugs classroom and few new Dolphins to our Kiddie Academy family. I am very excited and would like to welcome my new Dolphins. We will begin our new school year on the 16th with a theme " All About Me!"We will talk about our likes and dislikes, we will talk about how we all are different yet unique in our own way. We will talk about families and get familiarize with our friends in the classroom. We will be reading books on emotions and feelings and do activities in the classroom.

Tuesday, August 3rd is the last water play day for Dolphins. Please send your child ready with water clothes, shoes and sunscreen on, a towel and water bottle please. Thank You!

On Friday the 6th, we are having a Luau Party. If you would like to donate food items, (store bought only, please) please check the sign up by the front sign in and out computer area. Thank You!

This month we have two birthdays. Happy Birthday dear Henry and Jordan have a great birthday boys

- Ms Marina and Ms Brithney



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Butterflies (2&3's) Classroom Updates

Hello Families!

I am Miss Ellen, your lead teacher for the Butterflies Class. Welcome to all of our new students and families.

Can't believe it's already August. This month we conclude our Summer Camp unit with some fun themes like Dream Vacation that includes an end of summer luau. . We will have so much fun with friends as we bid farewell to Summer and get ready for the school year. One fun event we have this month is Storytime Live outside. Hopefully it won't be too hot and you can make it.

Our letters will be the alphabet. We will learn some ABC songs and games. Some sign language as well. Numbers 1-20 in English and in Spanish.

Birthday this month is: David. Happy 3rd Birthday!

Our Character Education value is: We Are Strong! We will focus on confidence, persistence, assertiveness, and bravery.

Please remember we are a nut free facility. No nut products including Honey Nut Cheerios and almond milk. Water cups are okay. No baby bottles or sippy cups. But a hydro flask type of cup or water-cup with the flip top is fine. ONLY water, please. Please don't send pull-ups or diapers that do not come a part on the sides. No slip ons. I spend 90% of the day by myself and having to undress the children to change a diaper is very time consuming and I need to be able to change the children and watch the children at the same time. I appreciate your understanding and I do apologize if this is inconvenient. Please be sure to send a sheet a blanket EVERY week. Bedding is taken home and washed at the end of every week. Bedding is a licensing requirement and we are not allowed to loan out bedding anymore. New guidelines. No large pillows or stuffed animals or blankets due to storage space. It's best to send bedding in a backpack or a reusable shopping bag. Also with the school year beginning we would appreciate the following donations: wipes, gloves, hand sanitizers, balls, nature/garden magazines, playdough and school supplies. Thank you in advance.

- Ms Ellen and Ms Zoey