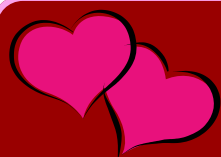




## Valentine's Day Party Friday, February 10th

Our Valentine's Day Party will take place on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 3 pm. Each child is encouraged to bring cards to exchange with their classmates. A sign-up sheet will be posted on each classroom door to help provide snacks for the rooms. Please keep in mind that we are only eating during the afternoon party and that the quantity of snacks needed is not huge. And "No" – Cupid will not be visiting.



## Valentine's Day Party



## Texas Snowball Fight



On December 16th, 2011, we had a Texas sized snowball fight that celebrated winter within the entire school. The event was held in conjunction with our annual Holiday Party. Fun was had in all the classrooms where special treats were served to kids and their parents. Each classroom was invited to the cafe to meet Santa Claus and participate in the Texas Snowball Fight. Everyone had a lot of fun. The children also had a book exchange in each classroom.

### Save the Date

February 10 –  
*Valentine's Party*

February 16 -  
*Katy School District Early  
Dismissal*

February 17 & 20 -  
*Katy School District  
Holiday*

February 24 -  
*Go Texan Day*

March 12 - 16 –  
*Katy School District  
Spring Break*  
Please let the front desk  
know if your child will be  
attending this week

April 5 – *Easter Egg  
Hunt & Party*

### Go Texan Day Friday February 24th

Show your Texas  
pride as we kick off  
the 2012 Houston  
Rodeo. Pull out your  
best cowboy and  
cowgirl outfits and  
other western wear!  
*(Please no hats.)*

# Easter Egg Hunt and Party

Thursday,  
April 5



We look forward to our annual Easter Egg Hunt and visit from the Easter Bunny again this year on Thursday, April 5, 2012. The egg hunt will take place in the afternoon along with the classroom parties.



## WHY DOES ACCREDITATION MATTER?

Accreditation is designed to help educational institutions boost their ongoing performance efforts for the benefit of their students. AdvancED insists on a relentless pursuit of excellence – for itself and for the institutions it accredits. This ethic of excellence ensures that institutions will find rich benefits from accreditation and that parents can confidently make informed decisions about their children's education, knowing their child's school is accredited. Accreditation matters because our students deserve the highest level of educational excellence possible.

# Sue's Corner

## AGES & STAGES

Children go through distinct periods of development. During each stage multiple changes in the development of the brain are taking place. What occurs, and approximately when these developments take place are genetically determined. However, environmental circumstances and exchanges with key individuals within that environment have significant influence on how each child benefits from each developmental event.

During each stage, growth and development occur in the primary developmental domains including physical, intellectual, language and social – emotional. We need to understand what is taking place in a child's brain and body during each period.

Raising a baby, especially for the first time, is both exciting and challenging. This is a time for developing the bonds that will last a lifetime providing the child with the inner resources to develop self-esteem and the ability to relate positively with others. It is also the time for parents to begin to discover who this new person really is. Each child is unique and it is imperative that parents learn to understand, respect, support and encourage the unique characteristics and abilities of each child.

When a child takes the first step on his or her own, a new phase in development begins. At this stage children are now free to roam around their world. It is a time for active exploration of their environment. Language development takes major leaps which leads to learning the names of objects of interest, the ability to ask for things and as they discover their independent nature, yes, they develop the ability to say "NO!"

"Meltdowns" are common during this period but parents can use the bond developed during infancy to help the child learn to modulate their emotional expression and begin to grasp the difficult concept of delay of gratification. While they instinctively seem to be able to say "NO" toddlers also need help in learning how to accept "No" from others.

This is also a stage of rapid physical and intellectual development preparing these children for starting school which includes interacting cooperatively with peers while at the same time being able to compete physically and intellectually. A child's parent is in the position to be a coach providing just the right combination of encouragement, support and guidance.

# Ways to Connect



## Facebook

Kids R Kids is now on Facebook! Please be sure to LIKE us so that you are always up to date with the latest information about school activities.

[www.facebook.com/KRKCincoRanchWest](http://www.facebook.com/KRKCincoRanchWest)



## Website

Our website, [www.krkcincoranch.com](http://www.krkcincoranch.com) has the up to date information of what is going on at Kids R Kids Cinco Ranch West. It has our current calendars, menus, and newsletters.

Please be sure to check it out!



**VisionNet**®

## Vision Net

Did you know you can view your child's classroom on the go? If you do not have a Vision Net account please visit our website to sign up:

[www.krkcincoranch.com](http://www.krkcincoranch.com). Click on Parent Area, then Online Viewing.



## Email

We are trying to collect email addresses from everyone in order to get important information out quicker. Please let the front desk add your email to our list.

# 2011 Taxes

If you would like a print out of your tuition payments for the 2011 school year, please stop by the front desk.

# February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Groundhog Day	3 Wiggles & Winks Hearing & Vision Screening	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Valentine's Day Party	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 Katy School District Early Dismissal	17 Katy School District Holiday	18
19	20 Katy School District Holiday	21	22	23	24 Go Texan Day!	25
26	27	28	29 Leap Day			

# March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Daylight Savings Time	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
-----Katy School District Spring Break-----						
18	19	20 First Day of Spring	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31