

Kids R Kids Insider

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Childhood learning doesn't always mean book learning!

It's true that some children, with parental guidance, are able to read and write at very early ages. But this doesn't mean that they are able to make proper evaluations of the things they do because what they do, many times, is just a conditioned response. Only when a child has developed the capacity to think, to direct her natural curiosity to find answers to meaningful questions, has true learning for that child been accomplished.

Instead of being directed in all their activities, children learn a great deal as they play. They search for answers to their own questions, and find answers in their make-believe games. Children come to a deeper understanding of themselves and others by pretending to be musicians, doctors, storekeepers, truck drivers, artists, and athletes. When a child shares or takes turns with others, recognizes another's frustrations, acts out

her own anxieties and conflicts she is doing the plain, hard work of growing up through the natural processes of childhood. When we rush children into clever performance of skills, when we organize their daily lives so that there is not a moment for inner contemplation, we decrease the possibilities for genuine thought and individual growth.

Most of us have happy recollections of our childhood days. When life hurts, when the way grows weary, when we are vexed and baffled by unattainable but deep desires or saddened by losses, so many times we find solace in remembering something out of our yesterdays.

The truth of this is demonstrated by the hold that songs and poems we learned as children have upon us. These songs and poems appeal to us because their major note touches one of the deeper and elemental things in human nature: childhood.

Let's let children be children for the few short years of childhood. Let's let them

accumulate precious memories that will serve them well in adult life.

Kids R Kids

At Kids R Kids, we pride ourselves in that we always have your child's best interest at heart. We are constantly improving our facility, holding staff meetings, and enriching our curriculum to better serve you and your family. Your feedback is always encouraged and appreciated. Thank You for giving us the opportunity to work with your children!

WEATHER

We are enjoying this cooler weather, and love playing outdoors each day. Please bring your child to school dressed appropriately for these unpredictable days. Layers or a light jacket with socks and tennis shoes are recommended. If you have not already done so, please check your child's cubby and replace his/her extra clothes with a weather appropriate set .

PARKING and KISS and GO

Gentle reminder: If you use the Kiss and Go lanes, please make sure you are in and out within 3 minutes. This is especially important between 7:30 am and 7:50 am and also between 3:45 pm and 4:10 pm. Thank You for your cooperation in this matter.

BRICKS FOR SALE

Another Gentle Reminder: We are currently selling cardboard bricks to Help a Hero. These bricks cost \$5 each. Please see the front desk.

Upcoming Christmas Season

Classroom Holiday parties will take place on December 16th in the afternoon. Please pay attention to your child's classroom door for signups. We are also looking for donations of **COTTON BALLS** for our SnowBall Fight in the Café.

BRAIN FACTS

Research shows that children who regularly eat breakfast have better standardized test scores, better behavior, and are less hyperactive than children who skip breakfast. Providing a protein rich breakfast in the morning helps your child learn! Too many carbohydrates (like cereal, toast, pastry) can make the brain groggy and make learning much harder! So, start your child's day with a good breakfast that includes protein. Learn more at www.kidshealth.org

Parents are Teachers too!

Parents are children's first and most important teachers. The things a child learns in the years before he or she start preschool or kindergarten are the foundation of all the learning that comes after.

Reading To Your Child – 10 Reasons To Do It

Parents have many priorities when it comes to their children including keeping them happy, healthy and educated. With so many activities vying for

children's attention these days. It's easy to overlook one of the most basic methods of promoting early literacy: reading to young children for 15 minutes a day.

Here are 10 of the best reasons to make a habit of cracking open a book with your child on a daily basis:

1. Reading soaks imagination.
2. Reading demands attention. Listening and being able to pay attention are prerequisite skills for preschool and kindergarten.
3. Reading forces literacy.
4. Reading reinforces book-mechanics. Children watch how grown-ups hold books, read from left to right, and turn pages from the front of the book to the back.
5. Reading helps children sleep.
6. Reading helps speaking.
7. Reading increases vocabulary.
8. Reading provokes critical thought.
9. Reading begets reading.
10. Teachers will thank you.