

KIDCO Express

September, 2019

ACTIVITIES

September 2

- Labor Day – Center closed

September 9

3:00 – KIDCO II Parent Committee Election Meeting and the importance of regular attendance and *Dual Language Learners Trainings*

September 9 –13

- Celebrating Grandparent's Day/Children will create books for the classroom:
 "Grandma and Me," "Abuela y Yo"
 "Grandpa and Me," "Abuelo y Yo"

September 9 –13

- Celebration of International Literacy Week – Home Activity – Children and Grandparents create a "Grandparents are Special," "Los Abuelos son Specials" collage for show and tell

September 10

- 3:00 - KIDCO IV & KIDCO V Parent Committee Election Meeting and the importance of regular attendance and *Dual Language Learners Trainings*

September 12

- 3:00 - KIDCO V Parent Committee Election Meeting and the importance of regular attendance and *Dual Language Learners Trainings*

September 13

- 3:00 - KIDCO VI Parent Committee Election Meeting and the importance of regular attendance and *Dual Language Learners Trainings*

September 16

- Celebration of the First Day of Autumn – Children create a Fall Sensory Station for the playground

September 18

- Last day to administer the VPK Assessment for teachers

September 19

- **Policy Committee Meeting at KIDCO VII**

September 25

- 'Dad Bring Your Child to School' Activity

September 26

- Celebrating Johnny Appleseed Day – Children create an Apple Orchard for the Classroom using recycled materials

September 28

- 8:00am till noon - *Leadership Training at the Lillie Center*

September 30

- Teacher's Planning Day -
 9:00am–10:00am - EHS Health/Safety Review
 10:00am–12:00 pm – EHS Class Dimensions Training
 9:00am–11:00am – HS Class Dimensions Training
 11:00am–12:00pm – HS Health/Safety Training

PARENTS' CORNER

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

Infants, toddlers and preschool have the capacity to learn two languages from birth. Dual language exposure does not delay development in either language. Parents should know that English skills, when learned as a second language, are best acquired by children who have strong oral and literacy skills in their native language.

It is also important for parents to know that children can become good English with compromising their first language development. Therefore, parents are encouraged to speak to their children at home in their native language. Scientific research indicates that an infant's brain benefits from dual language acquisition through the development of greater tissue density, memory and attention.

Children who do not receive home learning support, show large decreases in reading and math achievements. Therefore, teachers need families to be involved while children are learning a second language. It is also important for parents to maintain a culturally rich family environment.

Children, who are learning two languages, are encouraged to retain their home language and be provided with sufficient opportunities to have access to their language. Children who learn two languages simultaneously achieve the same milestone as children who are learning one language. It is important for parents to encourage vocabulary development in their home language as they lean English skills in the classroom. Remember, children who participate in dual language programs have enhanced cognitive and early literacy skills.

EVENTS

Miami Children Museum – 3rd Friday of each month

Miami History Museum – 2nd Saturday of each month

FREE ADMISSION

COOKING WITH YOUR KIDS



5 Reasons why you should cook with your kids:

1. Cooking helps kids to learn about nutrition, healthy eating and skills that will last them a lifetime.
2. Cooking will help kids boost their self-esteem, as they feel they are doing a task, learning something important and contributing to the family.
3. Cooking creates family time and bonding. It may take longer to get the meal done but the moments with your children will be priceless. They'll learn about teamwork, working together with a parent or sibling to get the job done.
4. Perhaps, it is the enthusiasm of creating something themselves, but kids will be more likely to try something new and eat whatever they make.
5. Cooking is a great way for kids to practice creativity and imagination and to express themselves and enjoy their creations.

SEPTEMBER'S BIRTHDAY

Ivette Riaño	September 2
Maritza Garcia	September 4
Edgardo Battle	September 6
Maria Lacaze	September 12
Yanesky Guido	September 19
Camila Mijares	September 21
Yamilet Herrera	September 27
Kelly Alvarez	September 28

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