KIDCO Express

Days to Remember

September 7

- *Celebrate Autumn Colors Day*

September 10

- **Teacher Planning Day for HS and EHS**
  Training: *High Scope Curriculum Pyramid Model* at KIDCO II

September 11, 12, 13, 14

- *Parent Election* Committee Meeting – Importance of Regular Attendance/Dual language learners: information & resources about the benefits of bilingualism and biliteracy	9/11 – 3:00pm K-II 9/12 – 3:00pm K-IV 9/13 – 3:00pm K-V 9/14 – 3:00pm K-VII 9/14 – 4:00pm K-VI

September 12

- 10:00am - 12:00pm – *Parenting Training* for all KIDCO families and the Community – 12 workshops on every Wedneday

September 13

- "*Fall Sensory Day*"

September 17

- *Bus Safety Training*: KII, KV and KVI

September 18

- *Bus Safety Training:* KIDCO IV, and KIDCO VII

September 19

- **Teacher Planning Day for HS and EHS**
  Training: CLASS Dimensions

September 20

- 3:45pm & 4:15pm – Policy Committee Meeting at KIDCO V

September 21

- September *Art in the Park Day*

September 26

- *Dad bring your child to school* activities or read to your child

September 27

- *Allapattah Library Interactive Story Time* –
  9:00am - 10:00am – KIDCO V
  10:15am – 11:15am – KIDCO VII

September 28

- *Pumpkin Exploration Parent/Children Science Celebration Day*

September's Birthdays

Ivette Riaño	September 2
Edgardo Battle	September 6
Yamileth Herrera	September 27
Kelly Alvarez	September 28

Parent's 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 enough 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.

Nutrition

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 team work, 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.

Announcement

Picture Days

Regular Pictures Children and Staff – LifeTouch

KIDCO 7	September 14 & 17, 2018
KIDCO 5	September 19, 2018
KIDCO 6	September 20, 2018
KIDCO 4	September 24, 2018
KIDCO 2 & Office	October 2 & 3, 2018