

KidzStuff Child Care Center

SUMMER DIGITAL NEWSLETTER



"If you are not barefoot, then you are overdressed."

Backpacking Around the World Exploring the Seven Continents

SUMMERTIME FUN

The end has finally come! No more homework, no more uniforms, no more coats, and no more shoes! Wait we've gone too far, the children must keep their shoes on, they must wear closed-toed shoes even in the summer for their safety and ours, but summer is here!

Together let's get ready for the great transition from the colder months to the warmer months. This is your friendly reminder to look in your child's cubby to remove all Fall/Winter clothing and to replace that clothing with Spring/Summer clothing. Yes, we are saying it again because we really need you to follow these instructions.

All KidzStuff school programming will end on June 14, 2024, and all summer programming will begin on June 24, 2024. This year our friends will backpack "Around the World" exploring the seven continents weekly.

We will explore the languages, foods, music, and cultures from North

America to Australia and every continent in between.

Summer programming brings water days to our curriculum. This means our friends will get wet on their designated days outside on the playground or at the pool during field trips. Girls will get wet in one piece bathing suits and boys will get wet in swim trunks. Don't forget water shoes and towels. Sunscreen is very necessary to keep our babies safe from the sun, please provide your child(ren) with spray on sunscreen for the summer.

Prekindergarten graduation will begin at **10:00 am on June 18, 2024**, on the grounds of the Broadway location at 1900 Broadway Suite 100. The graduation is outdoors with no shade. Please bring our graduates to the Broadway location no later than 9:15 a.m. There will be light refreshments after graduation.

Announcements & Updates

FOR ALL FAMILIES

Food Program - Over the years KidzStuff has gone through several caterers attempting to satisfy the food program requirements and serve food to our children that is both healthy and edible. These struggles coupled with the recent rise in food cost have led us to make the very hard decision to stop offering lunch as a part of the program in the 2024/2025 school year. All families will be required to provide children with a disposable lunch according to the program's nutritional guidelines. We will continue to provide Breakfast and a PM Snack daily.

Tuition Processing System - KidzStuff is transitioning to the Brightwheel payment processing system for the upcoming school year. The first tuition processing date in the new system will be August 23, 2024. All Families will be responsible for putting a payment method on file in the Brightwheel system. Families can use credit/debit cards and checking accounts. All accounts must be attached to a payment method no later than August 16, 2024.

2024/2025 Tuition

KidzStuff tuition increase will begin on September 2, 2024. This week's tuition will be processed on August 30, 2024. The tuition increase is 5% for all age groups. The yearly curriculum fee is due on August 16, 2024. All families are required to have a new financial contract on file.





Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June. ~ Al Berstein

Important Dates for June - August

----- ALL FAMILIES

June 10 - 14

Graduate's Spirit Week

June 14

Public Pre-K Program Ends
(Broadway Location **Only**)

June 14

Father's Day "Balls with Dads"

June 17 - 21

School Age Classrooms **ONLY**
Closed

June 18

Pre-kindergarten Graduation

June 19

Juneteenth
(Centers Closed)

June 24

Summer Programming Begins

July 4

Independence Day
(Centers Closed)

July 26

Staff Family Day
(Centers Closed)

August 16

Last Day of Summer Programming

August 22

Back to School Night

August 26

Baltimore City Public Schools 1st
Day of School

September 2

Labor Day

September 3

First Day of School for KidzStuff
(Uniforms are Required)

Graduate Spirit Week is June 10th - 14th

Monday - Crazy Hair Day

Tuesday - Crazy Sock Day

Wednesday - Dress like a 90's Artist Day

Thursday - 90's Sitcom Day

Friday - 90's vs 2000's Day

Graduation does not mean your child has to leave for the summer. In fact, we want them to stay! But if they will be leaving us, now is the time to submit your two notices for termination of care.

Only Ms. Karen and Ms. Danielle's friends will see changes to their tuition accounts for the summer months if they stay for the summer. Please see our financial office or Ms. Margaret for details.

Summer Vacation Reminders:

All families enrolled in the center for one year or more with planned vacations please provide a written

two week notice to your center director and classroom teachers.

KidzStuff will end its 50% vacation week discount on August 30, 2024. Please take advantage of this discount before it runs out. Please refer to the parent handbook for discount details.

New School Year Reminders:

If your child has a birthday prior to October 1, 2024, he/she will be enrolled in a new classroom for the this coming school year. Classroom transfer slips will be issued by the center directors.

New Classroom Orientations/Back to School Night will take place on **August 22, 2024**. Back to school night is a night for parents to meet the classroom teacher, find out about the yearly goals, and the curriculum for the new school year.

All shot records **MUST** be updated prior to the 2024/2025 school year. If your child's forms are not updated, they will not be able to attend the program.

Summer Programming

Around the World



----- SCHOOL AGE CLASSROOMS

We are super excited about summer programming beginning on June 24th! We will enjoy lots of field trips including water days at the pool.

Children will need swim wear, towels, sunscreen, and swim shoes for water days. One piece bathing suits for girls and swim trunks for boys, no exceptions to this rule if the proper swim attire is not worn your child will sit on the side of the pool on swim days.

Children can wear what they want to camp (no skin showing and no offensive attire, etc.), closed toed shoes are a must ALL summer long, camp T-shirts are required on field trip days.

Almost all field trips are included in the weekly tuition, parents will be notified in a timely fashion of all field trips that are not included in their weekly tuition.

Field trip money is optional, we will let you know when the children have opportunities to spend money.

Friendly reminder: The school age classrooms will close for a summer reset from June 17th - 21st. Summer programming will begin on.