

# KidzStuff Child Care Center

## SPRING DIGITAL NEWSLETTER



*You are off to great places! Today is your day!  
Your mountain is waiting-so get on your way!*

## So Much Fun Ahead!

### ----- SPRING HAS SPRUNG

It's time to think about pre-kindergarten graduation, summer programming, vacation notifications, classroom transitions, and the 2025/2026 school year enrollment.

All children graduating from the KidzStuff program to attend public/private school will participate in this year's Pre-K graduation on June 12, 2025. Graduation will take place on the 1900 N. Broadway campus at 10:00 a.m.

**The final day to notify staff of your child's graduation participation is May 12, 2025.**

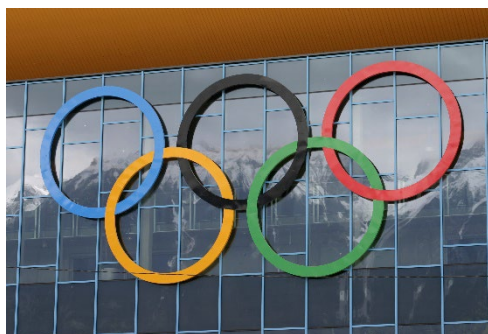
Your graduate does not need to leave the program after graduation, they can remain enrolled in KidzStuff for the summer months.

As your child ventures off to school, please consider transitioning them to the KidzStuff before/after care school program which includes school transportation, breakfast, p.m. snack, and care when school is closed.

### Summer Programming

KidzStuff programming will transition to a summer schedule and curriculum on June 30, 2025.

### Olympic Summer Sports Program



Our friends will learn about health and physical fitness with pool/water days, field trips, sports/games, arts/crafts, music, and more.

More details about the summer programming curriculum will be provided by your classroom teachers.

### Announcements & Updates

#### ----- FOR ALL FAMILIES

**Clyburn Mansion Field Trip** – The children will enjoy gorgeous gardens, wooded trails, a historic mansion, and a nature center on April 29, 2025. The cost is \$16.00 per person, the money is due by April 15, 2025. Only one chaperon per family permitted on the bus. Uniforms and a disposable bagged lunch are required. No peanut products permitted.

**Kite Day** – All children need to bring a kite to school on April 22, 2025, to enjoy a windy *Kite Day* in honor of Spring.

#### Staff Development – May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

We will use two of our four staff development days for our staff to travel to Ocean City for this year's MSCCA Conference by the Sea. The centers will be closed on these two days.

#### Pre-K Graduation

Our Pre-k 4 students, going to kindergarten, will graduate on June 12<sup>th</sup> from the parking lot of our 19900 N. Broadway campus. If your child is participating in this year's graduation, please submit your \$80.00 graduation fee to the administrative staff no later than May 12<sup>th</sup>.





*"Autism doesn't come with an instruction guide. It comes with a Family that never gives up."*

Now is the time to exchange Fall/Winter emergency clothing for Spring/Summer clothing. Children are not required to wear school uniforms in the summer beginning June 2, 2025.

Closed toed shoes are required even in the summer for the safety of our children.

All families with planned vacations please provide a written two week notice to your center director and classroom teachers.

If your child has a birthday prior to October 1, 2025, he/she will be enrolled in a new classroom for the coming school year. Details about your child's new classroom will be forthcoming.

It's time to update your family's emergency forms and food applications. Please stop by the front desk to review your emergency forms, if nothing has changed all you have to do is initial and date the form. If anything has changed a new form is required. Food program forms will be issued in June, please be on the lookout.

All shot records **MUST** be updated prior to the 2025/2026 school year. If your child's forms are not updated, they will not be able to attend the program.

### Reminders

- Clean sheets and blankets are required all year long
- Bagged lunch is required daily
- No outside toys are permitted in the center
- Field Trips are for children aged two and older
- Children who are not participating in field trips cannot come to the center on field trip days
- Children need a towel, spray on sunscreen, and water shoes for summer water/pool days
- Girls can wear one piece bathing suits and boys can wear swim trunks only on summer water/pool days.

Make note of the important dates listed on the right for the next three months; you will not receive another newsletter until July 2024.

## Important Dates for April - July

----- ALL FAMILIES

April 4, 2025

KidzStuff Alameda turns 3

April 8, 2025

Picture Day - Alameda

April 9-10, 2025

Picture Day - Broadway

April 17, 2025

Easter Egg Hunt

April 18-21, 2025

Good Friday & Easter Monday  
(Center Closed)

April 29, 2025

Clyburn Mansion Field Trip

May 1-2, 2025

Staff Professional Development  
(Center Closed)

May 5-9, 2025

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 9, 2025

Mother's Day Brunch and Bingo

May 26, 2025

Memorial Day  
(Center Closed)

June 9-11, 2025

Senior Class Activities

June 12, 2025

Pre-K Graduation

June 13, 2025

Father's Day Sneaker Ball

June 19, 2025

Juneteenth  
(Center Closed)

June 30, 2025

Summer Program Begins

**Just a reminder...**



# Fun, Inexpensive, At Home Engagement

As uncertainty about the current administration threatens our economy, many parents of young children—are looking for inexpensive ways to keep their children engaged at home. Fortunately, it's often the simple activities that give kids the most joy (and teach them critical new skills at the same time).

Here are a few low-tech and low-cost spring activities for parents to try, inspired by and adapted from the [ASQ-3 Learning Activities](#) (for key developmental areas) and the [ASQ:SE-2 Learning Activities](#) (for key social-emotional areas). suggested by ASQ that parents can try with their young children.

## Have a teddy bear picnic.

Spring is the perfect season for picnics—and you can have them right in your backyard, on your balcony, or even in your living room. To make yours extra special (and give social and communication skills a boost), your child can bring their teddy bears or other favorite stuffed animals to the picnic. Pack a basket for the bears *i.e. blanket, napkins, pretend food, and plastic plates and teacups*. You and your child can have fun “talking for” their furry friends and imagining their picnic conversations. When your picnic is done, have your child (and the bears!) help you clean up.

## Read together every night.

End your days at home together by snuggling up with your child for some shared reading. It's one of the single most important activities you can do together—not only does it strengthen your child's communication and language skills, it is also the perfect way to bond. Talk through any tough emotions your child might be having and end the day on a positive note. Choose some spring-themed books or select stories that feature characters struggling with challenges or difficult emotions. Kids might find this type of story especially reassuring at a time of uncertainty and upheaval. Engage your child while you read and ask them questions about the story and the characters' feelings.

## Build a rainy-day hideaway.

What was more fun than a hideaway or fort when you were little? When April showers put the brakes on backyard play, ask if your children would like to build a special hideaway. Siblings can work together or you can collaborate with your child. Have the kids build a tent by draping old sheets or blankets over furniture. Once they make their tent, they can play in it, eat lunch inside it, or read books together with a flashlight. For extra motor skills practice, ask the children to help you put the tent away at the end of the day. They can help you fold the sheets by finding a corner and bringing it to you.

## Summer Programming

### Olympic Summer Sports



#### ----- SCHOOL AGE CLASSROOMS

The school age rooms are now enrolling for the summer, please do not hesitate to get your child enrolled ASAP as the program fills up fast. The registration fee is \$50.00 per child. All children will receive one camp T-shirt.



Summer programming will begin on June 30, 2024. All school agers (5-12) will enjoy pool days, field trips, sports/games arts/crafts, music, and more from 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

Before/After care is available, please see the center director for more information.

The school age classrooms will close for a summer reset from June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>.

Children can wear what they want to camp, closed-toed shoes are required every day of the week. Camp T-shirts are required on field trip days.

Children will need swim wear, towels, sunscreen, and swim shoes for water days. One piece bathing suits for girls and swim trunks for boys.

95% of Friday field trips and pool fees are included in the summer tuition.

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

KidzStuff will provide breakfast, morning snacks, and pm snacks. Children are required to bring lunch with them to the center. No peanut products.



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