

PARENT CONNECTION



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How to Prepare Your Child for School , Back to School Bash

August Birthday Celebrators, Before & After School Program

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How to Prepare Your Child for Preschool

Starting preschool is a big step for a child, and parents can play an essential role in preparing their little one for this new experience. Here are a few simple strategies to ensure a smooth transition.

Establish a Set Schedule

Following a routine provides opportunities for making decisions and acting responsibly, and having a daily schedule can help ease your child's transition to the structure of a preschool setting. Children learn best when routines and daily schedules are established. Routines provide opportunities to learn about order, sequencing, and concepts of time. Established routines make for smoother transitions and help children to prepare mentally for the day ahead while providing frameworks in which creative learning can occur.

Stick With Morning Routines

If done consistently, routines give the preschooler a sense of belonging and reassurance, and provide parents with frequent opportunities to connect with their child, so it's best to be available, attentive, and responsive to your child's needs. An early-morning routine can include helping your child make her bed, get dressed, eat breakfast, brush teeth and hair, and assemble personal items.

Take Advantage of Teachable Moments

Children are naturally curious about the world, and this makes life full of teachable moments. In the midst of a busy day, find brief opportunities to slip in simple lessons about life. Teachable moments can help a child learn about and understand empathy. This can be done through serving others to help your child gain an awareness of others. For example, when another sibling or friend is having a difficult time, use that as a teaching moment with your child. Talk about the situation and why the sibling or peer is experiencing those feelings. Ask your child if she ever feels that way too and how she might be able to help.

Fine-Tune Fine Motor Skills

Prior to preschool, help your child develop his fine motor skills during play by creating a fun craft that involves snipping paper, coloring, and gluing. Have your child manipulate modeling clay to form shapes and letters, which will prepare him for future handwriting demands at school. Hide small beads or coins inside putty and have your child locate them; this activity addresses dexterity and improves hand strength, which will in turn improve small hand tasks such as manipulating small fasteners and using scissors. Provide little ones with Play-Doh and scissors as well. Cutting Play-Doh provides practice with proper hand placement and gives a child the basic idea of how to open and close the scissors for cutting.

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Back to School Bash Saturday, September 9, 9-11 AM

Parents are the most important partner in a child's education. Because we believe that parents have the greatest impact in student achievement and overall success of our program, we invite all our preschool families to see some of the most valuable parts of our program in action!

Plan to visit fun learning stations of activities that allow you to interact with your child in our school setting.

Our book fair will be available as well as our teachers who will be sharing how you can be a part of your child's success this year!

All our preschool families are invited, especially Classrooms 300 – 600, as well as our Advanced Program Class.

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Make Time for Reading

Read to your child every day to foster a love for reading and to enhance your child's vocabulary. When we give children the gift of books and language, we are providing them with imaginative experiences that are important in building creative thinkers and innovators. Always have reading material on hand in the car, in the kitchen, in your child's bedroom, and even outside. Whether books are checked out of the library or bought at the market or a bookstore, good children's literature provides the rich language needed for your child to be successful in school.

Look Out for Separation Anxiety

It's perfectly natural for children to experience separation anxiety during the first few weeks when they're dropped off at school. Be prepared for a few tears, but stay positive so that your child doesn't pick up on any anxious feelings that you may have about leaving her. On the drive to school, let your little one know how her day will proceed so that she knows what to expect. When you drop her off, calmly assure her that you will return at the end of the day. Keep your goodbyes short and sweet. Don't linger, as that will only make the separation more difficult for both you and your child. Once your child adjusts to the new school setting, goodbyes will be much easier.

Now Enrolling for Before and After School Program

Each day your school age child can expect activities that come alive in our newly remodeled activities area. Indoor and outdoor games take place with friends in a nurturing and friendly environment with opportunity to grow and learn while having fun!

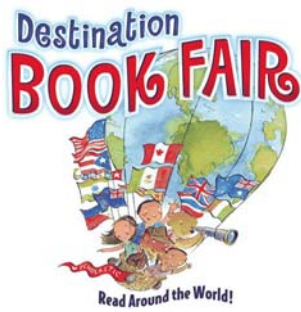
Club activities for interested learners include fun with cooking, engineering, athletics, arts and crafts, and homework clubs.

This environment has fun and loving teachers to support your child before and after school. Please ask a member of management for a tour of the renovated activities center for school age children.



Date	Names	Classroom
8/02	Daniel S.	Gym
8/03	Zayn S.	500
8/08	Cooper C.	500
8/09	Sadie S.	150
8/09	Adam T.	Gym
8/10	Ethan E.	Gym
8/11	Viaan U.	500
8/12	James N.	200
8/15	Abigail S.	Gym
8/16	Sadie R.	500
8/16	Ms. Tiffany M.	150
8/19	Mokshasri N.	550
8/19	Zachary J.	250B
8/22	Evan T.	150
8/23	Saige G.	350
8/23	Mathias B.	Gym
8/23	Macey B.	Gym
8/23	Mallory B.	Gym
8/26	Sebastian A.	400
8/26	Ms. Ana R.	300
8/27	Niko P.	150
8/30	Patrick M.	250B
8/30	Ms. Katie.	Gym





We invite everyone to head on out to our Destination Book Fair – Read Around the World!

The Fair will be available to our families beginning on September 9th, Saturday, and ends on the 13th, Wednesday.

S.T.E.M. Spotlight

Young children are avid STEM investigators, eager to explore and invent. Here at KRK, children are provided with many STEM opportunities to plan, experiment, compare, problem-solve, construct, and more.

The benefits can last a lifetime: studies show that early exposure to STEM skills and concepts has a long-term impact on future academic skills. Here are the STEM activities that our young geniuses will be exploring for the month of August.



Chromatography Butterflies, July 31—Aug. 4

Inertia Zoom Ball, Aug. 7-11

Sink or Float, August 14-18

Skittles Art, Aug. 21-25

Kaleidoscope Making, Aug. 28-Sept. 1

New Programming Available for Preschool Families

We are excited to offer weekly lessons in Soccer and in Dance right here in our facility for the benefit of our students and their families. Please see the weekly emails for more information as well the front desk for enrollment information.

All preschool students will participate in demonstrations on August 22 and 23 for each program. Coaches will be available in the lobby for parents to inquire as well.



Meet our Featured Family, the Gorritys

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We are so very honored to have the Gorrity family learning with us and being a very supportive and active family in our community of learners. This family of 5, shares their daughter Grace, with us. She has enjoyed our school age classroom where she is building her relational skills in a supportive environment. She is growing her sense of self and confidence to step out in a variety of activities with her peers. She brings so much joy and caring as she has fun learning with her friends and being one of the shining stars of the class. This family is certainly a supporter of the learning and always encourages and spurs on more progress for the school as they engage in their child's development with us.

Here is what the Gorritys have to say about their experience at Kids R Kids in their own words....



“As the parents of Grace, we feel so blessed to be a part of KRK of West Houston. All of the staff members from management to administration to teachers are very professional and perform at an exceptional level. It has been an absolutely wonderful experience for all of us.

We are so impressed by all of the educational programs, clubs, and activities that are made available to all children. We love that Grace has been challenged to grow her knowledge and creativity through the STEM program. As she loves tasty treats, she really enjoys the Chef's Club. She's also learned how to be more responsible by the opportunities that she has been given to help in the younger children's classrooms.

KRK of West Houston does a fantastic job of planning events that encourage family involvement. As a family, we have enjoyed the Fall Festival (Mike won the pie eating contest), and the Father's Day Putt-Putt Golf. We would like to take this opportunity to say “Thank You” for everything that you do to positively impact your KRK families!”



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July 31 Technology: 150, 250A, & 450 HATCH: 550 Spanish: AP & 250B <i>Soccer Shots Day</i>	1 Technology: 250B, 300, 200 Spanish : 250A & 400, HATCH Tech: 600, AP S.T.E.M Time: 450, 550, 600 <i>Splash Day for Class 400, Gym</i>	2 Technology: 350, 500, 600 Spanish: 200, 500, 550 HATCH Tech: 450	3 S.T.E.M Time: 400, 500, AP Spanish: 350 & 600 Technology: 550 & 400 HATCH: 500	4 Spanish: 300 & 450 Show & Tell: 400-600 HATCH Tech: 350 & 400 Technology: 400, 550
<p><i>Classroom Themes: Outrageous Orange Summer (100-250); Crawling into Fall (300-350); Summer Shout Out (400-450); Salute the Flag (500-600)</i> <i>Literary Features: Sea, Sand, Me by Patricia Hubbell; Welcome Fall by Little Scholastic; A Summery Saturday Morning by Selina Young; Our American Flag by Mary Firestone</i></p>				
7 Technology: 150, 250A, & 450 HATCH: 550 Spanish: AP & 250B <i>Soccer Shots Day</i>	8 Technology: 250B, 300, 200 Spanish : 250A & 400, HATCH Tech: 600, AP S.T.E.M Time: 450, 550, 600 <i>Splash Day for Class 400, Gym</i>	9 Technology: 350, 500, 600 Spanish: 200, 500, 550 HATCH Tech: 450 <i>Soccer Shots Day</i>	10 S.T.E.M Time: 400, 500, AP Spanish: 350 & 600 Technology: 550 & 400 HATCH: 500 <i>Splash Day for Class 450, 600, Gym</i>	11 Spanish: 300 & 450 Show & Tell: 400-600 Special Snack: 500, 550, & 600 HATCH Tech: 350 & 400 Technology: 400, 550 <i>Splash Day for 500, 550</i>
<p><i>Classroom Themes: Welcome (100-250); Welcome 300-350); Welcome (400-450); My American (500-600)</i> <i>Literary Features: Little Rabbit Goes to School by Harry Horse; The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn; Froggy Goes to School by Jonathan London; I Pledge Allegiance by Pat Mora & Libby Martinez</i></p>				
14 Technology: 150, 250A, & 450 HATCH: 550 Spanish: AP & 250B	15 Technology: 250B, 300, 200 Spanish : 250A & 400, HATCH Tech: 600, AP S.T.E.M Time: 450, 550, 600 <i>Splash Day for Gym</i>	16 Technology: 350, 500, 600 Spanish: 200, 500, 550 HATCH Tech: 450,	17 S.T.E.M Time: 400, 500, AP Spanish: 350 & 600 Technology: 550 & 400 HATCH: 500 <i>Splash Day for Gym</i>	18 Spanish: 300 & 450 Show & Tell: 400-600 Special Snack: 500, 550, & 600 HATCH Tech: 350 & 400 Technology: 400, 550
<p><i>Classroom Themes: Me, Myself, & I (100-250); Helping Hands (300-350); All About Me (400-450); Welcome (500-600)</i> <i>Literary Features: ABC I Like Me by Nancy Carlson; The Invisible String by Patrice Karst; I Like Me by Nancy Carlson; Froggy Goes to School by Jonathan London</i></p>				
21 Technology: 150, 250A, & 450 HATCH: 550 Spanish: AP & 250B	22 Technology: 250B, 300, 200 Spanish : 250A & 400, HATCH Tech: 600, AP S.T.E.M Time: 450, 550, 600 <i>Splash Day for Gym</i> <i>Dance Demo for Preschoolers</i>	23 Technology: 350, 500, 600 Spanish: 200, 500, 550 HATCH Tech: 450, <i>Soccer Demo for Preschoolers</i>	24 S.T.E.M Time: 400, 500, AP Spanish: 350 & 600 Technology: 550 & 400 HATCH: 500 <i>Splash Day for Gym</i>	25 Spanish: 300 & 450 Show & Tell: 400-600 Special Snack: 500, 550, & 600 HATCH Tech: 350 & 400 Technology: 400, 550 <i>Last Day of Summer Camp</i>
<p><i>Classroom Themes: Fun with Family (100-250); Head to Toe (300-350); From My Head to Toes (400-450); I Like Me (500-600)</i> <i>Literary Features: Just Like My Mommy by Sharon Harmer; Parts by Tedd; I Like Me by Nancy Carlson</i></p>				
28 Technology: 150, 250A, & 450 HATCH: 550 Spanish: AP & 250B <i>AP's First Day of School & CyFair ISD</i>	29 Technology: 250B, 300, 200 Spanish : 250A & 400, HATCH Tech: 600, AP S.T.E.M Time: 450, 550, 600	30 Technology: 350, 500, 600 Spanish: 200, 500, 550 HATCH Tech: 450,	31 S.T.E.M Time: 400, 500, AP Spanish: 350 & 600 Technology: 550 & 400 HATCH: 500	September 1 Spanish: 300 & 450 Show & Tell: 400-600 Special Snack: 500, 550, & 600 HATCH Tech: 350 & 400 Technology: 400, 550
<p><i>Classroom Themes: Fun with Friends (100-250); Jack & Jill (300-350); My Senses (400-450); Cowboy Camp (500-600) Welcome (AP)</i> <i>Literary Features: A rainbow of Friends by P.K Hallman; Jack & Jill by Charles Reasoner; My Five Senses by Alike; Cowboy Small by Lois Lenski; Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come! by Nancy Carlson</i></p>				