



A Hug Above The Rest!

Kids Are Laughing, Kids Are Learning

Hugged First, Then Taught

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Suite 150

Raan B-2/6

Kaisa M-2/5

Suite 200

Hayden D-2/22

Aubrey M-2/17

Suite 250

Kendra B-2/2

Tristan R-2/13

Carter V-2/1

Suite 400

Jeremy G-2/12

Randi M-2/10

Suite 450

Daniel B-2/27

Madeline H-2/23

Angel P-2/12

Bryce S-2/8

Suite 200-EC

(Preschool)

Diego R-2/8

Logan D-2/27

Ryan M-2/13

VPK

Camdyn M-2/28

Alyssa M-2/11

Nicholas R-2/28

Adonys V-2/22

Jordan R-2/4

Galix V-2/14

Karol C-2/10

Brooke M-2/1

Sydney G-2/25

School Age

Aniah B-2/2

Elijah H-2/27

Emmanuel H-2/27

What's the Deal with VPK?

We have been talking about it non-stop around this place! VPK this, VPK that, don't forget to register for VPK... You are probably wondering, WHAT THE HECK IS VPK and WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT???

VPK stand for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten. It is a state funded program for children who are 4 by September 1st of the upcoming school year.

What are the benefits of VPK? Glad you asked!

- The most important growth and development in the brain happens by the age of five.
- The early years are the learning years. A child's ability to be attentive and to follow directions emerges in the early years. Structured early learning fosters these abilities for later success in school and in life.
- Pre-K prepares children to be ready for school.

Children who participate in high-quality early childhood education programs develop better language skills, score higher in school-readiness tests and have better social skills and fewer behavioral problems once they enter school. They are also better prepared for Kindergarten, especially in the areas of pre-reading, pre-math and social skills.

- Pre-K promotes a love of learning in children. Pre-K enhances what a child learns at home and instills a love of life-long learning.

The curriculum focuses on reading, writing and social skills. The goal is to get children ready for Kindergarten. Kids R Kids offers the largest VPK program in Orange County. For the 2010-2011 school year, we offered 9 classes - 3 full time classes, 6 part time classes and 1 flexible class that offers both full and part time. We are proud to announce in January of this year,

we added another class to our Avalon location. That addition brings the total number of classes we have to offer for the 2011-2012 school year to 11!

We offer flexible and convenient scheduling for your family with plenty of options. As a currently enrolled family, you are given the opportunity to choose your session before we open enrollment to the public.

Sessions are as follows:

Full Time	\$125/week
	Mon-Fri 6:30 AM-6:30 PM
Part Time	Free
	Mon-Fri 9 AM-12PM
	Mon-Fri 1 PM-4 PM
	M-W-F 9 AM-2 PM
	T-W-TH 9 AM-2 PM

We are holding a special information session on Tuesday, February 15 at 6:00 PM in the main center café. VPK paperwork is due no later than February 25th.

It's survey time again!

Make sure we have your current email address. Our survey will be online and the link and password will be emailed to you.

Have you seen our Video Blog? Check it out online!
www.KidsRKidsWaterford.net/Blog



Find us on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/KidsRKidsWaterford

www.facebook.com/KidsRKidsAvalon

Babies, Babies, Babies!

I don't know what's in the water around this place, but in case you haven't noticed, we have quite a few

mommies who are expecting! The waiting list for our baby room is booked full and busting at the seams. We limit our baby room to 12

babies. That helps us maintain a

ratio of 1 teacher for every 4 babies and allows us to offer a quality program for everyone.



Floor play, tummy time, and fun in the exersaucer - all a day in the life of our Suite 100 babies!

If you are expecting - or even thinking about an addition to your family - be sure

to get your name on our waiting list.

The next available spot in Suite 100 is October. As a currently enrolled family, we give special consideration when placing your name on the waiting list. In other words, if you need us, we'll make a place for you!

Getting on the waiting list is easy - just stop by the front desk and speak with Misty or Tracy. We will take care of you!

Drop Off and Pick Up

Our center opens daily bright and early at 6:30 AM., and we close at 6:30 PM. Due to licensing and insurance regulations (and staffing of course), we can not accept children before 6:30 AM.

All classrooms will be open by 8:30 AM. We highly recommend you bring your child no later than 9:30 AM. This will allow your child to receive the maximum educational benefit. We do realize that this is not always

possible. However, we do ask that you drop off before 11:00 AM or wait until after 2:00 PM. 11:00 AM is a high transition time. Children are preparing for lunch, then they go down for nap. It is far too stressful for children to experience that many transitions at one time. For this reason we ask you wait until after nap time to drop your child off.

The center closes at 6:30 PM. Our standard late pick up fee is \$1 per

minute per child. We ask that you please make every effort to pick your children up on time. If you are going to be late, a "heads-up" phone call allows us to let the teachers know so they can help alleviate the stress your child may be experiencing.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding of our policies.

Parent Advisory Group

Input and feedback from our families is essential for our center. We are always looking for ways to improve our service delivery. After some introspection, we have come to the conclusion that this is the right time to form a Parent Advisory Group.

We are looking for a few parents who would be willing to meet on a scheduled basis to discuss upcoming activities and events, curriculum enhancements, special events, school-wide improvements, etc. If you would like to participate in our advisory group, please send an email

to Tracy@KidsRKidsOrlando.com. In your email, please respond to the following questions: 1.) How often do you feel it is appropriate to meet? 2.) What would work best; evening, daytime, or weekend meeting?