



# KRK CONNECTION

*Kids are Laughing! Kids are Learning!*



Waterford Lakes Edition

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## Baby Walkers, Exersaucers & Jumpers

We are often asked why we don't have walkers and/or exersaucers in the baby room. While it is something our accreditation counsel frowns upon, there is a much deeper and more significant reason why we don't have them in the infant room. The following article, taken from [babycenter.com](http://babycenter.com), gives a great explanation about why walkers, jumpers, and exersaucers are not a good option for children.

*Studies have shown that babies who use a walker may actually learn to walk about a month later than those who don't. Walkers allow babies to move around before they are physically ready for it, which can cause unusual movement patterns and delayed muscle control.*

*Babies learn to walk in part by watching and understanding how their feet and legs move. If a walker has a tray, they can't see what's happening with their lower body and don't get the information they need about their motor development.*

*The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends against using walkers not only because they can discourage your child from learning*

*to walk on his own, but also because they can be dangerous. Thousands of babies end up in emergency rooms and doctor's offices from falling down stairs or bumping into furniture while in a walker. Walkers can give parents a false impression that their babies are truly mobile and can control their actions. Some parents even leave their babies alone to navigate their way around the home in a walker.*

*Exersaucers, as well as door jumpers, are much safer alternatives, but none of these options will help your child learn to walk earlier than usual.*

Teachers in our infant room spend the majority of their day on the floor working with the babies. Standing a baby up and holding him or her gently around the waist is the best way to help a baby develop balance and strength to begin walking. Our babies are also given a lot of encouragement when learning to walk. We have had babies in our infant room walk as young as 7 or 8 months! On average our babies are up and walking in the 10-12 month range. We are so proud of them!

## What's New...

### Survey Results Are In!

First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Family Satisfaction Survey. As always, we really appreciate your honest and candid feedback.

Overall, the survey results were positive and you had great things to say. There were some wonderful suggestions made and we are looking forward to exploring how we can implement those ideas. Complete results are available on our website – [www.kidskidsorlando.com](http://www.kidskidsorlando.com) on the "News" page. Here is a quick glimpse of what you all had to say:

- 98% of you who responded were Satisfied or Very Satisfied with the teachers.
- 80% of you who responded rated our curriculum a 4 or 5 on a scale of 1-5
- 96% of you who responded feel our rooms are clean or very clean.
- 85% of you who responded rated your overall satisfaction at Kids R Kids a 4 or 5.

Thank you so much for the valuable feedback! Look for some great things to come over the next few months!

### Welcome New Faces

You may have noticed some brand new faces around the center lately. Kids R Kids recently held a job fair that yielded us some fantastic, new teachers with great experience. The addition of these new teachers allows us to balance the classrooms and maintain A.P.P.L.E.\* ratios. Please welcome our new friends!

<b>Suite 100</b> – Ms. Dixa	<b>Suite 150</b> – Ms. Sandra	<b>Suite 200</b> – Ms. Piedad
<b>Suite 300</b> – Ms. Sulley	<b>Suite 400</b> – Ms. Petula	<b>Suite 450</b> – Ms. Mari
<b>VPK</b> – Ms. Stephanie & Ms. Erin		

Excellent Curriculum for all age groups.



## Happy Birthday!

<u>Suite 100</u>			
Tommy R	10/30		
<u>Suite 150</u>			
Aiden M	9/13	Jacob B	9/21
<u>Suite 200</u>			
Zacharia B	10/10	Riley H	10/15
Andrew C	10/16		
<u>Suite 250</u>			
Jacob O	9/1		
<u>Suite 350</u>			
Nash A	9/4	Jonathan W	10/7
Leiyah T	10/18	Yariana M	10/21
<u>Suite 400</u>			
Jahira W	10/10		
<u>Suite 450</u>			
Addison F	9/22	Arianna H	9/26
Anthony S	10/15	Alejandro L	10/24
<u>Part Time Preschool</u>			
Elijah C	9/8	Koshi S	9/30
Samuel S	10/30		
<u>VPK</u>			
Zachary E	9/7	Darren G	9/7
Alexiou H	9/8	Aiden H	9/9
Lilliana C	9/9	Erica Y	9/10
Breanna T	9/11	Lucas P	9/17
Sasha M-W	9/19	Samantha R	9/19
Jasmine L	9/24	Eduardo V	9/27
Chris M	9/27	Zachary R	9/27
Cohen T	9/29	Madison W	9/29
Siddhant S	10/1	Addison I	10/3
Harleyquinn C	10/4	Cydney J	10/5
Eli V	10/9	Jamiah H	10/13
Josiah R	10/17	Erica O-V	10/23
Faith N	10/25		
<u>School Age</u>			
Natalie A	9/4	Tiana M	10/4
Amanda C	10/4	Ethan K	10/28
David S	10/29	Brayden M	10/29

## Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is right around the corner. Here are some tips to share with your children to keep them safe when "Trick or Treating" this year, courtesy of [Halloween-Safety.com](http://Halloween-Safety.com).

- ☞ Children should always go out trick or treating accompanied by a responsible adult. If you have a group of kids going, the parents should choose two or three of them to go along and keep an eye on things.
- ☞ Some towns set a curfew for trick or treating which makes it easier for townsfolk to know who's coming to their door. Make sure and stick to the curfew times and stick to subdivisions and areas with a lot of homes so your kids can get in as much trick or treating as possible in a few hours time.
- ☞ Plan a safe route so parents know where their older kids will be at all times. Set a time for their return home. Make sure that your child is old enough and responsible enough to go out by themselves. Make sure that they have a cell phone.
- ☞ Let your children know to stay in populated and well lighted areas with lots of people around.
- ☞ Instruct your children not to eat any treats until they bring them home to be examined by you. This way you can check for any problem candy and get the pick of the best stuff!
- ☞ Instruct your child to never go into the home of a stranger or get into their car. Explain why this is not a good idea and what to do if someone approaches them and tries to talk to them.
- ☞ Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.
- ☞ Let them know that they should stay together as a group if going out to Trick or Treat without an adult.



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## Got Friends?

Earn \$100 just for referring a friend to Kids R Kids. It's so easy! All you need to do is tell a friend, then when your friend comes in, they tell us you referred them.

One month later – you are \$100 richer!

**EVEN BETTER** – If your friend enrolls and starts during the month of October, we will credit their tuition account \$100!

*That's \$100 for you and \$100 for your friend!*

