



# KK JUNIOR PRESCHOOL & KIDZKLUB

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Preschool & Kidz Klub newsletter.

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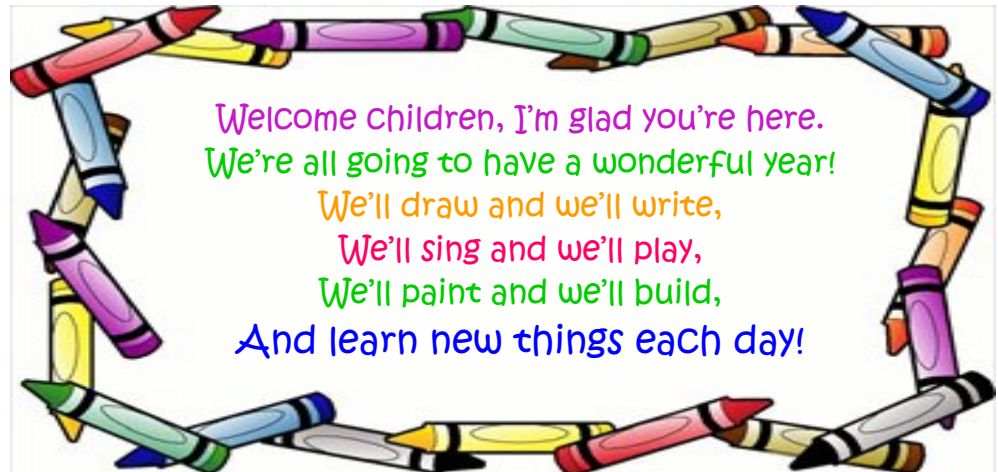
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I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new children and their parents to the ever growing KK Junior and Kidz Klub family. We are delighted to have your child join us. We look forward to enhancing, enriching and laying the important scaffolding to facilitate your child's future learning and development. Your child's forthcoming success starts here, and we feel privileged that you have chosen us to be part of it.

A new and exciting new year awaits us, filled with thrill, laughter, fun and bags and bags of learning, adventures and play. Our children have dived straight into the preschool and Klub routine displaying immense enthusiasm and motivation to learn, observe, indulge and enjoy. It is truly amazing how in the last several weeks, some of the younger returning members of our Klub have shown a dramatic increase in their communication skills. It is music to the ears to hear them chatting away within the walls of our magnificent preschool and Klub that we are fortunate to call KK Junior & Kidz Klub.

All our new children are connecting so well to the curriculum on offer, posing a hunger and passion to learn and to form friendships. Our staff here at the Preschool and Klub are working fervently to build in these children, a level of confidence and self esteem in order to adapt to their surroundings. All children are unique in their very own special way. Some take longer to settle whilst others slide easily into a routine. As parents, the key is to be patient and give each child time to become familiar with and feel safe and secure in their preschool and Klub environment, in due course you will discover how these same children develop in leaps and bounds, intellectually, physically and socially. Therefore, we request all parents to work together with their child's class teachers and Klub teachers in encouraging independence in the child.



Daniya immensely enjoys sand and water play.

# Curriculum

Let me take this opportunity to introduce to you the core curriculum that sets the educational standards of our preschool KK Junior- Here at KK Junior, we believe that by unlocking a child's creative potential, learning is maximised. This learning absorbency is gained through a sensory, visual, auditory and exploratory experience. The importance of play and active learning cannot be underestimated. Therefore, we have carefully designed each classroom, subject area and indoor play area with high quality, educational equipment to enrich and enthuse your child to safely explore and discover. In this way, the provision of opportunities for children to self manage or self-direct their learning is encouraged, within a safe, child- centred and nurturing environment.

This creative approach, along with a focus on the important six areas of learning for early years, combines to offer an integrated holistic learning programme, where independent learning, curiosity and enthusiasm are developed. Research tells us that young children learn best through creative play experiences and exploration. The six areas of learning combine to lay the foundation for future learning.

Below are the six areas of learning:

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This area of learning is about emotional well being, knowing who you are and where you fit in and feeling good about yourself. It is also about developing respect for others, social competence and a positive disposition to learn.

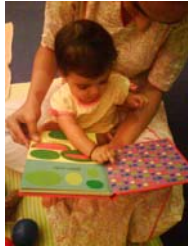
Children will have the opportunity to:

- Develop care of self and the environment
- Take turns, share and play appropriately
- Build confidence and self-esteem
- Understand right from wrong
- Understand and value differences between people, cultures and religions
- Develop independence
- Adjust to change
- Express feelings appropriately



Affan loves going into the jungle gym.

# Communication, Language and Literacy



This area of learning includes communication, speaking and listening, developing a love of books and stories, and developing important skills for future reading and writing.

Children will have the opportunity to:

- Enjoy listening to and using spoken and written language and readily turn it into play and use to communicate their needs with others
- Extend their vocabulary and develop language skills
- Listen to and join in with stories, poems and songs, one to one and also in small groups
- Show interest in illustrations and print in books and in the environment
- Learn how to handle books carefully and appropriately
- Engage in activities requiring hand-eye coordination and use one-handed tools and equipment
- Use puppets and props to make up or retell stories
- Listen to stories through the means of ICT and story tapes
- Contribute photo, drawings, favorite pictures, and artifacts towards child's own personal diary and encourage turning pages, looking and talking about books
- Begin to use anticlockwise movement and trace vertical lines
- Use a variety of crayons, pencils and thick chalk and learn to hold in correct pencil grip



Faiz is fond of musical instruments

## Mathematical Development

This area of learning includes counting, sorting, matching, pairing, seeking patterns, making connections, working with shapes, space, volume, and developing appropriate mathematical vocabulary.

Children will have the opportunity to:

- Enjoy joining in with number rhymes and songs
- Use numbers and mathematical concepts in play
- Compare groups of objects and organise objects into groups or classification
- Use shape in play and with puzzles, and be aware of shape in the environment
- Observe and use positional language
- Have the opportunity to construct large and small equipment
- Have the opportunity to engage in sand and water play to measure and pour
- Develop an awareness of time, order and sequencing of events.



# Creative Development



Creativity is fundamental to successful learning. Being creative enables children to make connections between one area of learning and another and to extend their understanding. This area of learning includes art, music, dance and movement to music, role play and drama, and imaginative play.



Children will have the opportunity to:

- Explore colour, shape, pattern, form and space in 2 and 3 dimensions
- Recognise how sounds can be changed, sing simple songs from memory and Make sounds and with body rhythm and musical instruments
- Listen to a range of music/rhythm/instruments
- Make constructions, collages, paintings and drawings using a range of media and materials
- Learn through all of their senses

# Physical Development

Physical development is intrinsic in everything young children do. Racing around on toy tractors, organizing the play farm or rolling out some play dough are all everyday examples of children's' growing physical skills. It helps children gain confidence in what they do and enables them to feel the positive benefits of being Healthy and active. Effective physical development helps children develop a positive sense of well being.

Children will have the opportunity to:

- Explore a range of outdoor and indoor large play equipment in a range of ways such as climbing, jumping, balancing, crawling, sliding and rolling
- Construct with large materials such as planks, blocks, cartons and lengths of fabric
- Operate large and small equipment by means of pushing, pulling and turning
- Engage in activities requiring hand-eye coordination such as puzzles, threading, posting, play dough, pouring, stacking and small world equipment
- Explore the dress up clothes, hats, costumes, masks and develop independent dressing skills and observe self and others in mirrors
- Show an awareness of space, themselves and others through movement to music, dance, actions to songs, outdoor games, water play and ride on equipment
- Use a range of mark making tools both vertically (murals) and on flat surfaces of various levels (table top, floor, pavement, sand)
- Explore sensory materials such as shaving foam, slime, sand, mud, rice, textured paper/fabric



# Knowledge and Understanding of the World

In this area of learning, children are developing crucial knowledge, skills and understanding which help them to make sense of the world. This forms the foundation for later work in science, design and technology, geography, history, and ICT.

Children will have the opportunity to:

- Show curiosity and observe and manipulate objects
- Investigate construction materials and small world equipment
- Use a range of objects and tools safely and appropriately
- Observe changes in the environment, weather and living creatures
- Have opportunity to be involved in long term growing projects i.e., seeds/plants/vegetables
- Explore their environment and notice features in the place where they live and natural world
- Gain an awareness of the cultures and beliefs of others



# Monthly Topics and Themes



Every month children will be introduced to new topics and themes. Over the term, our children will also enjoy participating in celebrating special events and festivals.

This month our preschool children are settling into a nice routine. The staff have been involved with doing quite a bit of art and craft displays based on the topic 'All about me'. The month of October will be based on healthy eating which would essentially dwell into the food pyramid concept as well as the kind of food that is good for us and that which would keep us healthy and strong!

Our preschoolers are touching base with basic colours and shapes this month. In addition, our little cheeky monkeys have hugely enjoyed outdoor activities which includes sand and water play along with jumping in the bouncy castle and moving on the sea saws. They have gone on nature walks inside their preschool, discovering all the astonishing things that exist in nature. Our little friends have responded so well to the various smells and sounds that exists around them. In-doors, our preschoolers have explored the coloured ball pits and enjoyed playing with an array of coloured balls all around them. Songs and stories have gained their attention, rolling out play dough to make shapes and free painting has enticed their sense of touch and feel. Posting boxes, basic puzzles, tower blocks and the home corner are their hot favorite. Our little ones enjoy every moment of playing with posting boxes, building tower blocks and squealing with delight at tumbling the blocks down, doing various basic puzzles with their teachers and pretend cooking in the home corner.

Once our preschoolers settle into a nice routine, every week, parents will be receiving weekly information sheets to inform them about all the core targets and objectives for the week.

## Monthly topics

- Sept- All about me
- Oct- Healthy eating
- Nov-Animals/babies and their homes
- Dec-Colours
- Jan-Traditional Stories
- Feb-Seasons
- March-Transport
- April-Under the Sea
- May-Places to see



## Our staff

Our members of teaching staff and Klub teachers possess rich experiences and out-standing track records, and complement the knowledge of our local talents. Every member of our academic team is vastly experienced, highly qualified and extensively trained. Our teaching staff will regularly undergo rigorous in-service training in order to stay current on the latest teaching and learning methods as well as keep up with global trends and challenges.

I hope that you have enjoyed interacting with your child's class teachers and the rest of the team members of KK Junior & Kidz Klub . We strongly believe that by working in complete partnership with parents, we would be able to create an environment conducive to learning, teaching and enjoyment. Therefore, we ask all our parents to cooperate with us in maintaining a structure and routine for our children that would help in preparation for the child's future. Should you have any concerns, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher or the Klub teachers.

It is fundamental for us to receive feedback and suggestions regularly. Do write your feedback in our diary at the reception from time to time.



## Parent's Conferences and Report Day

We hold parent's conference and report days twice a year for KK Junior preschool. Parent's will be informed about the date in due course. We invite all parents to arrange an appointment with their child's class teacher for the upcoming parent's conference.

We will also be handing out midterm reports in December 2010 and year end reports in June 2011. Please refer to the KK Junior calendar for 2010/2011 for updates on all the important holidays and events.



# NEWSLETTERS

Every month, we will bring to you the updates on the activities and exercises organised at our preschool and Klub. The newsletters aim to keep parents informed of the upcoming activities so that they will be part of their children's learning journey. In the event that you fail to receive information or there is a change of personal particulars, please inform the office and your child's class teachers at the earliest.

## School timing/policies and procedures

We wish to make this preschool and Klub routine a safe and secure environment for all children and therefore request all parents to establish and follow the routine which includes the following points.

Please ensure that you drop your child to the preschool within the window of arrival between 9:30-10 am. Children arriving after 10 am will be taken to their class by the receptionist. In case your child falls ill or takes time off, please call the preschool before 10 am to inform that your child will not be attending the preschool. If your child is ill for more than 2 days, please ensure that you provide a medical certificate when you bring your child back to preschool. You may accompany your child to his/her classroom in the mornings. The window of arrivals has been put in place to offer children the opportunity to settle and say 'goodbyes'. However, we must kindly ask that all adults leave the classroom by 10 am prompt. Please refrain from carrying out conversations in the corridors. The class teachers will begin the programme at this point and this requires silence.

At the end of the day, parents are welcome to collect their children from their classrooms at 12:30pm Mondays to Thursdays and 12 pm on Fridays. Please give us prior notice of an early pickup. As per preschool policy, parents and nannies/maids are not permitted to stay with any child in the preschool after the child has fully settled in. This is an important practice and avoids disruption to the teaching environment. We encourage all parents to respect this policy as a matter of utmost importance.

We would like to inform you that all children (KK Junior and Klub members) will have an ID Card. Please ensure that you swipe the card at the card reader on the wall at the reception at drop off time. Please keep the card in your child's bag at all times. The card will be swiped again at collection time by the parent/nanny. Please ensure that you adhere to this policy at all times in order to safeguard all children's security and attendance. In the event that the ID card is lost or misplaced, please inform the office at the earliest. A charge will apply for a card lost and re issued.

In case your child is being collected by someone else (relative/friend) at pick up time, please inform the office and your child's class teacher or Klub teacher at drop off time. Please fill in a pickup authorisation slip and attach the person's photograph for security reasons. Please inform the person about the ID card policy.

I am confident that all parents will respect the policies detailed above. We are of course more than happy to discuss any of these points with you. One of the main aims of the preschool and Klub is to create an environment conducive to learning, teaching and fun. The preschool and Klub is looking to set high standards in discipline, safety and security and this can only be reached if the children are well versed in a set routine.





## Lunch and Snack

All children can bring a healthy and nutritious snack or drink to preschool each day for the break period. All classes are chocolate, crisps and nut free environments. This includes food items with traces of nuts or nut oils. Candy (including cough drops), chewing gum, chocolate or chocolate covered cookies, soda and glass of any kind is not permitted.

Lunches provided by parent for Klub members should be packed in a lunch box that is clearly labeled with the child's name. A healthy beverage (milk, juice or water) should accompany the lunch. Please do not send any items that require refrigeration or heating.

### Suggested Food items for snack at Preschool

Sandwiches (cold cuts, cheese, turkey or chicken)

Yogurt (packed in a thermos or on an ice pack)

Fresh fruit

Fresh vegetables (carrots, cucumbers, peppers, cherry tomatoes, etc)

Cheese and crackers

Granola bars (without chocolate or marshmallow chips)

Fruit juice

Water

Please speak to your child's class teacher about our policy for celebrating birthdays at preschool. Snack is provided by us for our Klub members. Should there be any change in your child's diet, please inform the office and your class teacher at the earliest. For more information on snack menus for our Klub members, please do not hesitate to ask one of our staff members of the Klub.



## Toilet training/spare clothes

Parents who are now toilet training their children at home, please ensure that you inform your child's class teachers or Klub teachers so that the child is reminded to go to the toilet every now and then. Please place spare clothes in your child's cubby hole (Preschool) (bag- Klub members), clearly labeled in case of any toileting accidents in the preschool or Klub.



**With that we come to a close. We would like to leave you with several notifications.**

KK Junior preschool runs from Monday to Friday 10 am -12:30 pm (Fridays- 12 pm) for children aged 1 years to 3.5+ years. Please call Kidz Klub for more information.

Our Moms and Tots programme runs on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 am-9:30 am for tots aged 6 months-12 months. Please call Kidz Klub for more information.

Kidz Klub runs from Mondays to Saturdays 1 pm-8 pm (Saturdays 10 am – 8 pm) for children aged 0-10 years.

We also operate a day care for school going children from 1pm-6 pm daily .Please call Kidz Klub for more information and registration.

Kidz Klub now introduces Brainiacs. A Homework Klub to set those minds in motion. Classes will be held Mondays to Fridays -3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Core subjects such as Maths, Urdu and English will be covered .Mondays and Wednesdays-Maths Klub, Tuesdays and Thursdays-Urdu Klub, Tuesdays and Fridays-English Klub. Mondays and Thursdays-General Knowledge Klub. Age intake .....4 years -10 years. Fee Rs 3000 per subject. General Knowledge RS 4500.

Moms /Moms to be come along for a mom and baby stress release/massage therapy session at Kidz Klub. Share your concerns with our specialist therapist, engage in various exercises, meet other moms, relax over coffee and cake . Rates apply. Please call Kidz Klub for more information and to book an appointment.

A big thank you to our moms who made it to our very first workshop based on Positive Parenting and making it every bit successful. Please use our wall to give suggestions on the kind of workshops that you would like to participate in. Watch this space for more workshops being held at Kidz Klub. Be a part of a focus group, share your views and experiences!

Kidz Klub now introduces Supervised Splash sessions every Wednesday from 4 pm-5 pm . Come along to have some water based fun. All you need is a towel, swimming costume and a swimming bag . Splash around in the paddling pool; play and cool off. Members pay 275 per session/Guests pay 350 per session. Register now to book a spot.

We arrange exceptional birthday parties and baby showers at Kidz Klub managed by our dedicated party planner. Please call Kidz Klub for more details.

Kidz Klub offers birthday party packages for our members and strived to make each party well planned, enjoyable and a hassle-free event for our members and their parents. A dedicated party planner, along with her team, makes each party perfect and special for each individual child's requests and tastes. From an hour of play to a birthday party, Kids Klub makes every child feel special and lets them be what they are - children! At Kidz Klub its playtime all the time!

Please become a fan of Kidz Klub on facebook to receive regular updates of all the events taking place here at the Klub. Thank you parents for your continual cooperation, support and for choosing us to be an integral part of your child's life. Every day that is spent with your children adds more meaning and purpose to our lives.

**When I grow up I want to be a little boy.**

~Joseph Heller, Something Happened, 1974

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