Kiddie Junction Educational Institute School Calendar August 2012– August 2013



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Calendar Special Days and their descriptions !~





Uniforms: All children will be wearing the Kiddie Junction LOGO Shirts \$ 6 for 1 or 5 for \$25. Additional colors available Sept 1st. Long sleeve shirts and sweatshirts will be available for purchase too. Your child will be given a shirt if they forget and your account will be charged for this additional purchase. We're hopeful that this will alleviate a large cost factor for all of our families and you can now have no worries on what to wear each day.

PTO: The Parent Teacher Organization has been a part of Kiddie Junction for the past 20 years and we're proud to say that we are one of the only private schools in Illinois that has such a board. The PTO meets every 1st Tuesday of the month form 5:00—6:00 PM (while your children are still in their classrooms). They are the ones that are responsible for picking the fundraising companies, hosting all of the family events, funding the rentals of the two shows at Orchard School and hosting the Kiddie Junction Picnic at the end of the school year. Volunteers are encouraged to come to a meeting.

Grandparents Day: All Grandparents are invited to join us for our salute to Grandparents Breakfast on Sept 7th from 8:00—9:00 am... Come and bring your appetite~

Fundraisers: Twice a year (Fall and Spring) we hold a fundraiser that helps us defray the costs of the growing economy. Each child is responsible for \$200... or a family can buy out for \$150. Prizes such as Free Tuition weeks and misc. in hand prizes are awarded to the family that sells the most and the classroom that sells the most will have a pizza or ice cream party!

The spring fundraiser usually has a cash raffle that has been very successful in the past~



School Pictures: These pictures are candid pictures that are usually taken with an outside background. You will receive notices so your child has the clothes that you wish on for that day.



Dress Up Picture Day: This is a dress up pictures such as a race car driver, a cheerleader etc. that you don't have to worry about how your child is dressed.... We'll dress them~





Pasta Dinner: This family dinner is sponsored by the PTO and has a nominal charge that is paid prior to the evening. At the door registration is a higher rate. To Go Orders are also available for those that cannot stay to dine in and this service starts at 4:00PM. Dining in starts at 5:00 and goes until 7:00PM.



Parent's Night Out: Once a month Kiddie Junction will be open until 11:00 so that parents may have an evening to themselves ~ The cost is \$20 per child and reservations are needed.

KJ Open House: This is called "A Day in the Life of your child" This Open House is for our parents already enrolled that wish to see exactly what their children do all day. They will be put through circle time, games, songs, sensory activities and finalized by a Pumpkin Decorating Contest between rooms that is decided upon by the children the next day. The winning room receives and Ice Cream Party~ And a fun time is had by all so please don't miss it~ And Children are welcome to attend.6:00–8:00



Thanksgiving Luncheon: This luncheon 11;00—12:00 on the Friday PRIOR to Thanksgiving is open to all our extended families of Kiddie Junction. The children will dress in costumes and the parents and grandparents will join them. Reservations needed.

Christmas Show and the End of the Year Show: All children ages 2 through Kindergarten will participate in our show. The show is always held on a Sat. and it's been housed at the Prairie Lakes Theater which is located in Des Plaines about 2 miles from Kiddie Junction. The show is from 11:00—1:00 with children expected to be there at 10:30 for costumes. A raffle and prizes are also available through the PTO which helps us defray the rental costs for this production...thanks



Special Days: special days such as Hat Day, Disney days, paint a face days are crazy days that are fun for staff and children starting in January. Please note the day so your child will be part of our festivities~



Take Out Dinner Night: whenever we have had any food functions, many of the families have said how they miss that homemade food taste.. And could they get doggie bags to take home for themselves. So when we had our focus group discussions, we brought up the notion of having a To Go Dinner that Ms. Robin will prepare on the 1st Tuesday of every month, \$5 per person. Reservations needed

Dine and Donate Nights: On that same note, we found many restaurants in the area that will kick back to the school 10-15% of the sales that come from Kiddie Junction Families and friends so check your calendars and come dine with the teachers.



Pot Luck Dinner: With many cultures being present in our Kiddie Junction Family, we thought that a night of a Pot Luck Dinner might be fun. Parents will bring a dish of their liking and we will all get a chance to sample foods from all different areas. Don't feel bad if you don't cook... Any meal is fine and is welcomed. We will have a sign up sheet so we try to avoid lots of duplicates. If it is a success, we will do this more during the year.



Teacher Turn Around Day: How many times have you wished for your boss or your co-workers to be able to do your job for one day just so they see how difficult it is? Well that's what teacher-turn around day is. The teacher's all put their names into a hat ,pick a name and classroom and that's where she will be working for that day. It's amazing how a teacher in the pre-school room will be very appreciative of the infant staff and visa —versa after their day is finished!



Easter Bunny Breakfast This day is started with a breakfast of pancakes, sausages and fruit and followed with 5 –6 different stations of games and prizes followed up with Easter Bunny Pictures and an Easter Bunny Egg Hunt. A good time for all ages.... So bring grandma and grandpa too.

Easter Bunny Pictures are an extra cost....Reservations are necessary.