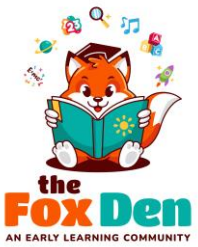


The Fox Den Academy Newsletter

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Building Updates

Who wants to play?

Our playgrounds were installed this week! The trike track is in and ready for our scholars to begin riding on. Painting has begun inside our school. The irrigation runs are finishing up for landscaping. The final sidewalks will be completed soon.

43 days until Day 1 of The Fox Den, An Early Learning Academy!



Did you know?

Michelle has completed over 250 interviews with prospective staff, and have offered a position to only 16 of these individuals. This demonstrates her sincerity in hiring quality, caring individuals. We promised our families to only hire the “Best of The Best,” and that is what we are doing.

We currently have 4 positions still open. If you know of a qualified applicant, please send them our way!

Please continue to save items such as: cereal boxes, cracker/cookie boxes, oatmeal containers, magazines, paper tubes, etc. for Fall projects! Thank you!

On the first day of school each student will receive a large piece of construction paper with instructions on how to make a Family mat. This collage will be hung up in your child's class.

**“Education is not the filling of a pail
but the lighting of a fire.” —Unknown**

Upcoming dates

June 27: Invites sent to parents to access Brightwheel,
The Fox Den's student management software

July 1-3: Emails sent out to parents with tuition
payment schedule

July 11: Front Office staff reports to The Fox Den

July 16: First Tuition payment due

July 17: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Parents and
Community (6 P.M.)

July 18: Teachers/Co-teachers report to work

July 30: **The Fox Den Open House** for all parents

August 1: Day 1 of the 24-25 academic year



Indoor Rainy Day Activities for Families

Play is critical for childhood development. Parents' attitudes about play, knowledge about its benefits, and facilitating play are things that determine children's play experiences. This may be especially true during rainy days when kids are bored and need some structured direction.

- **Have storytime.** You can't go wrong with a good old-fashioned storytime. If your kids are old enough, they can take turns reading.
- **Sort through old toys.** Your playroom will be much more organized, and you and your kids may discover some old toys you can store or donate.
- **Go to the library.** When you want to get everyone out of the house for free, the local library can't be beat. "We have books, audiobooks, DVDs, and fun kits and backpacks to check out," says Marty Mason, a youth services librarian at Chelmsford Public Library in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. "Plus a full programming schedule for kids."
- **Bake cookies.** Tie on your aprons and let little ones help mix, roll out dough, and decorate—and then enjoy!
- **Make pizza.** While cookies are nice and easy for younger children, more advanced baking or cooking projects can be fun for elementary- or middle-school-aged kids, suggests Mason. Pizza is fun, as it's easy to roll out the dough, spread on the sauce, and layer on the toppings.
- **Play a board game.** The classics are great, but there are also tons of newer board games great for kids. Our favorites include Blank Slate, UNO Attack!, and Clue Junior.
- **Try mindfulness exercises.** "Have kids reflect on how their week is going," suggests Christopher Lacroix, MEd, a history teacher at Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School in Haverhill, Massachusetts. "This can be very beneficial for kids to help promote time management skills and set a daily schedule."
- **Create a treasure hunt.** If your kids are too small to figure out scavenger hunt-style clues, simply give them a list of household items that they have to track down and collect

Hiring update:

We have hired two more awesome lead teachers and 2 co-teachers this week. We continue to seek individuals that have a heart for our scholars and fit The Fox Den values.



Welcome to our new LeadTeachers!

Liberty Saylor (Lead Teacher Walker 1):

Hi there! My name is Liberty Saylor, and here's a little window into all about me. I'm currently in school for Elementary Education and enjoy everything about working with young children. A few of my hobbies include spending time with my friends and family, running around after my crazy dog, traveling, and (I can't forget shopping!). I've worked in several environments and led multiple age groups over the last few years, and I'm excited to be able to learn more and meet all the new people and scholars at The Fox Den!

Zandria Jones (Lead Teacher 3's):

Greeting Parents! I am excited to welcome you and your child to our academy this school year! My name is Ms. Jones, and I am the 3's outstanding teacher. I have a passion for teaching, and I am dedicated to creating a positive learning environment. I have a bachelor's degree focused on Criminal Justice from the illustrious school by the sea (None other than Savannah State University. GO TIGERS!) My expectations for the school year are 1) Come to class with a positive mental attitude- PMA! 2) Follow the Fox Den's mission/ vision statement and 3) Be ready to learn!

WOULD YOU RATHER??

- Take a bath in ice
- Have super hearing
- Talk to animals
- Eat one candy bar now
- Have really long arms
- Able to read minds
- Be as tiny as a fly
- Eat weird food
- Have really long legs
- Be invisible whenever you want



What are we celebrating today?

- 6/19 – World Sauntering Day
- 6/20 – National Ice Cream Soda Day
- 6/21 - National Smoothie Day
- 6/22 – International Being You Day
- 6/23 – National Hydration Day
- 6/24 – National Pralines Day
- 6/25 – National Strawberry Parfait Day