



## Parent's Handbook



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***We Hold The Future***

1. Our Philosophy

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## **Our Philosophy**

We believe children should be **“Hugged First, Then Taught.”**

## **Our Mission**

Kids’R’Kids Schools of Quality Learning provide a secure, nurturing, and educational environment for young children; a place for children to bloom into responsible, considerate, and contributing members of society.

Kids’R’Kids wants all children to have the opportunity to grow physically, emotionally, socially, and intellectually by playing, exploring, and learning with others in a fun, safe and healthy environment.

As a family-owned and operated organization, Kids’R’Kids welcomes positive family involvement and encourages a family-teacher approach where the needs of every child comes first to obtain a successful early childhood education.

# Letter From the Owners

Dear Parents,

Kids 'R' Kids Academy of Oviedo opened in December 1993. Since the beginning, it has been our objective to provide the highest quality education and care available. In order to provide this level of care, we began with a state of the art building, hired and trained highly qualified teachers, introduced a nationally accredited curriculum, and placed great emphasis on safety and cleanliness.

In addition to the full-time programs that we have offered since we opened, we are providers for the Florida VPK program in addition to our After-School program.

We thank you for your interest in Kids 'R' Kids and look forward to being an important element in your child's education and development.

Sincerely,

*Sharon & Peter*

Sharon & Peter Buxbaum

Owners

# Discipline

The use of physical punishment is prohibited at our center. Discipline consists of positive redirection or, if necessary, time out. Time out is limited to one minute per age of the child per incident. Time out consists of sitting in a chair facing the group, but apart, still within supervision of the teacher.

In order to provide the best care for your child(ren), parents must notify the center of changes in your child's environment that might affect the behavior of your child(ren). Our being aware of changes in your child's life will assist us in implementing the adjustment.

However, Kids 'R' Kids reserves the right to ask the parent to make alternative arrangements for the care of a child in the event that behavior becomes a problem that cannot be corrected.

# Classroom Experience

## *Curriculum*

Educational priorities are well defined at Kids'R'Kids Schools of Quality Learning. Our comprehensive curriculum materials are designed specifically for each stage of development.

The Kids'R'Kids Curriculum establishes a solid foundation for educational growth beginning with a child's first day. Each of our curriculum programs is research-based and includes developmentally appropriate activities.

We continue to education children from infant through the preschool year with interactive and hands-on activities. We create a positive learning environment that will challenge children and move them toward mastering new skills.

## Dress

Children should come to school dressed to work, play, paint, experiment, and have fun. Their clothes should be comfortable, and easy to button, snap, or zip to allow independence in toileting.

Children play outside each day with the exception of rainy days. Please provide a sweater or jacket on cool days. Shoes should be closed-toed and rubber-soled. Sneakers and tennis shoes are best. Socks should be worn. Sandals, flip flops, and cowboy boots are dangerous on the playground and should not be worn.

All children need an entire change of clothes (shirt, pants or shorts, socks and underwear) to be kept in a Ziploc bag placed in a back pack and changed with all seasons.

All clothing should be marked with your child's name. The center is not responsible for lost or damaged clothing.

As a convenience to parents, Kids'R'Kids supplies baby wipes for children who are in diapers. Parents will need to provide a supply of diapers for their child. You are invited to leave up to one week's supply, and the teachers will notify you when more diapers are required.

# Curriculum

1. Kids'R'Kids teachers know that a positive approach is the best approach. Using praise creates a good attitude towards learning and helps build a child's self-esteem. Learning should be a happy, rewarding experience for the children and the teacher.
2. The developing personality of each child becomes more evident as they grow. We make certain that the teachers at Kids 'R' Kids take special care to watch the progress of each child and to report their progress to parents daily in writing. By focusing on the positive aspects of each child's behavior, our teachers promote an atmosphere that allows every child to grow at his or her own pace, and develop skills that will help them realize their highest potential.
3. The Kids'R'Kids curriculum establishes a solid foundation for growth and development beginning with our infants. We provide our children with interactive and hands-on activities in a positive learning environment.



# Teachers

- All staff is fingerprinted and receive background checks by county and state agencies.
- All staff is required to have 45 hours of training in the following areas:
  - Curriculum
  - Child Growth
  - Assessment
  - Health & Safety
  - Nutrition
  - Adult/Child Interaction
  - Child Abuse
  - DCF Rules & Regulations
- All staff is required to have 10 hours of continuing education each year.
- At all times, there is at least one staff member certified in First Aid and CPR.

## Teacher-To-Child Ratios

6 Weeks to 12 Months..... 1 to 4

1 Year Olds..... 1 to 6

2 Year Olds..... 1 to 8

3 Year Olds..... 1 to 15

4 Year Olds..... 1 to 20

5 Year Olds & Up..... 1 to 25

## Emergency Plans

If your child has a minor accident, the staff will take such actions as will comfort your child (for example, washing a wound, applying a bandage, and giving a hug). Your child's teacher will prepare a Boo Boo Report for your signature for any injuries.

If your child has an accident that results in an injury calling for professional medical care, the parent, guardian or parentally designated emergency contact person will be called (examples include large bumps, head injuries, uncontrollable nose bleeds, cuts that may require stitches, or possible fractures).

In obvious emergency situations, Oviedo Fire Rescue Emergency Management will be called.

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If an emergency situation develops such as severe weather, fire, physical problems to the building, or a power failure, the children's safety is our first concern. If it is necessary to close the center, parents will be notified to make arrangements for early pick-up of their child(ren).

The center is equipped with a fire alarm system, fire sprinklers, and fire extinguishers. Fire drills are conducted monthly to familiarize the children with evacuation procedures.