

# AUGUST

Happy August! I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer, and is getting excited for a whole new school year.

This month is all about getting to know your friends, teachers, and new classrooms. We always love this month because it is all about getting to know each other!

## Emergency Cards

If you haven't already picked up a new **YELLOW** emergency card, field trip permission slip, and HIPAA form, please stop by the front desk and fill these forms out.

These must be updated yearly.

On all paperwork please do your best to fill out everything completely. No same as above please.



## Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten parents:

To slow the spread of germs, The Academy will be providing supply boxes to each Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten student. They will be filled with crayons, markers, scissors, and glue.

These supply boxes are to remain at the school at all times, and will be turned into the office at the end of the school year.

We will continue to sanitize the Toddler supplies after every use.

## The Academy is prepared to support online learning!!!

With the uncertainty surrounding the opening of public schools this fall and the possibility of reclosing schools due to outbreaks, The Academy is prepared to support online learning for children who are in 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grades during closures. This will include before and after school care at no additional charge. We will have a classroom set up for your child to do their remote learning that their public school has set up for them. We will assist your child with their online access and ensure they are staying focused with their lessons. Breaks, recess time, snacks and most importantly social interaction with their peers will be a part of their day at The Academy.

If you are interested in this program, please stop by the front desk to fill-out new paperwork. We have limited space for this program.

## Full-Day Kindergarten!

The Academy is prepared to offer our in-person, full-day kindergarten program that also includes before and after school care at no additional charge. Online learning for kindergarten children is very difficult. They need hands on lessons taught by a teacher and most importantly they need the social interaction with their peers that you can only get in the classroom.

If you would like your child to have a stable learning environment please fill out the attached kindergarten commitment form and return it to us by Friday August 7, 2020.

## The Academy hours:

**6:30am- 6:00 pm**

Please keep in mind that your child needs to be picked up and out of the building by 6:00pm or you will risk being charged a late fee.





In the spirit of spreading kindness and helping each other during these hard times, we would like to share the story of the Harrison family who has been part of the Academy's family for many years. The Harrison's have been on a 4 year journey trying to understand what might be causing the developmental delays Kinley (age 7) has been experiencing. After countless appointments and evaluations with specialists from nearly every medical field, they finally received the answer on June 5, 2020, one day after welcoming their baby girl Kieran into the world. This however, was the answer they never saw coming. A full genetic screening revealed that not only Kinley, but her younger sister Kennedy (age 4) both have an extremely rare genetic disorder called GM1 Gangliosidosis. They are forever thankful that baby Kieran is not affected by this wretched disease.

Currently, there is no approved treatment or cure for GM1, and it is always fatal in children.

Their only hope is to raise the money needed to support treatment and cure development, including clinical trials already underway. **THEY DO NOT NEED TO SUFFER!** With your help, the Harrison family can accelerate the advancement of these treatments to save their girls.

PLEASE visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/CureKinleyKennedy> for more information and to donate. They are in a race against time and every dollar counts. All donations go directly to the Cure GM1 Foundation and 100% tax deductible.