

KidsCare™

“Quality Childcare As Part Of Our Family”



Doylestown, Pennsylvania

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(A comprehensive program of school-age child care services)

Pennridge School District

2024 - 2025

“The best home away from home!”

Program Portfolio

KidsCare of Pennridge
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KidsCare of Penridge
Calendar of Events
September 2024 - June 2025

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Mission Statement

KidsCare, founded in 1991, provides high quality school-age child care for families in a safe, friendly, and child-centered environment. We offer diverse enrichment and learning activities that build self-esteem, develop skills for navigating challenging situations, nurture positive social relationships, and embrace a healthy respect for community. Our programs are licensed by the DHS, are all developmentally age-appropriate, and are taught by certified teachers.

Aims & Objectives

The aims and objectives of **KidsCare “AM”** and **KidsCare “PM”** are ...

- to provide a comprehensive, high-interest program that includes positive incentives for every child to want to attend and participate actively.
- to provide a program in a relaxed, child-centered atmosphere geared towards providing a variety of unique enrichment and learning activities that reinforce the educational experiences of children, promote personal and social development, and foster a lifelong interest in learning.
- to provide activities that encourage children to develop new skills and interests, think critically, make decisions and solve problems.
- to promote safe practices and to provide children with strategies and skills for avoiding, as well as dealing with, challenging situations.
- to provide opportunities for children to develop a better understanding of their local community, as well as the global community.
- to provide parents with a high-quality, reasonably affordable child care program for their elementary-age children.
- to provide before-school and after-school child care in a safe and comfortable neighborhood school setting.

We comply with applicable Federal civil rights laws and do not discriminate, exclude, or treat people differently based on their race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

All KidsCare programs are operated in adherence to the “After School Standards” established by the Council on Accreditation in collaboration with the National Afterschool Association.

Member of National Afterschool Association, After-School Alliance, National Association for the Education of Young Children, and Pennsylvania School-Age Child Care Alliance.

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Program Locations

The KidsCare program will be offered at seven locations throughout the Pennridge School District during the 2024 - 2025 school year.

- **Bedminster Elementary School**
- **Deibler Elementary School**
- **Guth Elementary School**
- **Grasse Elementary School**
- **Sellersville Elementary School**
- **Seylar Elementary School**
- **West Rockhill Elementary School**

Program Tuition Fees (no discounts/credits for days unattended)

The following is a listing of program fees for **KidsCare 2024-2025**:

KidsCare "AM" Full-time Enrollment (5 days per week) First Child: \$246/month Second Child: \$221/month Third Child: FREE!

KidsCare "PM" Full-time Enrollment (5 days per week) First Child: \$328/month Second Child: \$295/month Third Child: FREE! NOTE: Full-time KidsCare "PM" enrollment includes half-day program.
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KidsCare "AM/PM" (5 days per week) First Child: \$409/month* Second Child: \$ 368/month* Third Child: \$ FREE!

"Half-Day" Enrollment **\$30/per "Half-Day" program** *(no family discounts applicable)*

NOTE: "Half-Day" enrollment is automatically included with full-time 5 day enrollment in the **KidsCare "PM"** program. Additional enrollments in the "Half-Day" program is only available for students enrolled part-time in the **KidsCare "PM"** program and/or the **KidsCare "AM"** program.

"Day-Off" Enrollment

First Child: **\$49/day** Second Child: **\$44/day** Third Child: **\$ FREE!**

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Program Registration Fees

A **non-refundable** program registration fee is required at the time of registration. Program registration fees are as follows:

First Child: **\$99**

Second Child: **\$99**

Third Child: **FREE!**

Additional Fees

- Late "Pick-up" Fee: \$5 for every 5 minutes after the 6PM closing time
- Late "Payment" Fee: \$40 if program tuition is not paid *in full* by 5th day of each program month
- Bounced Check Fee: \$25 for each incident in which a check payment is rejected by the bank

General Program Information

Program Eligibility

The **KidsCare** program will accept the enrollment of children attending one of the schools listed under the "Program Locations/Fees" section and in **grades kindergarten through fifth grade** as of the start of the school year.

Special NOTE on Kindergarten: *Half-Day Kindergarten* students are only eligible for our adjacent program. Morning Kindergarteners can *only* participate in KidsCare AM. Afternoon Kindergarteners can *only* participate in KidsCare PM. Half-Day Kindergarteners **CANNOT** enroll in both KidsCare AM and PM.

Program Enrollment Options

The **KidsCare** program offers the following enrollment options:

- **KidsCare "AM"** (7AM - start of school day)
- **KidsCare "PM"** (end of school day - 6PM)
- **KidsCare "AM/PM"**
- **"Half-Day" Enrollment** (time of early dismissal - 6PM)
- **"Day-Off" Enrollment** (7AM - 6PM)

Enrollment in the **KidsCare "AM"**, **"PM"**, or **"AM/PM"** programs can be **full-time** (daily, Monday thru Friday) or **part-time** (minimum of three days per week, and days of attendance must be consistent from week to week).

Once registered, enrollment classifications can only be changed for the succeeding program month, unless otherwise indicated. An enrollment classification cannot be changed part way through a program month, and must be submitted in writing to the **KidsCare** office prior to the 10th of the month preceding the month in which the change will become effective, otherwise all billed charges are payable in full, regardless of reason. *Enrollment classification changes and/or cancelations for the month of June will not be credited/refunded and will not change the calculation of the May tuition bill.*

June tuition is essentially free. KidsCare is now billing on a 9-month basis (September thru May).

Program Calendar

The **KidsCare** program will operate five (5) days per week for the duration of the school year whenever school is in session, excluding snow days. The program will start on the first day of school and conclude on **the last full-day of school**, unless otherwise noted. **In most cases, there is no KidsCare PM program on the last day of school.**

Program Hours & Attendance

The **KidsCare "AM"** program will open at 7AM and continue until the start of school, while the **KidsCare "PM"** program will start at the end of school and continue until 6PM.

KidsCare "PM" program will operate on **Snow "Early Dismissal" Days** should schools dismiss early for inclement weather and will operate until the regular 6PM closing time. Parents are requested to pick up their child(ren) as early as possible on these days. **Additionally, KidsCare reserves the right to close its KidsCare "PM" program at 4PM on Snow "Early Dismissal" Days when severe and extreme weather conditions exist or are predicted.**

Parents are required to personally escort their child(ren) into the **KidsCare** program area and sign in their child(ren) to the **KidsCare "AM"** program, and to personally sign out and pick up their child(ren) from the **KidsCare "PM"** program prior to the 6PM closing time. A late charge will be assessed for any late pick-up at the rate of \$5 for every five (5) minutes. Children will only be released to parents, legal guardians, or designated persons 18 years of age or older, listed on the **Student Emergency Information/Emergency Release/Student "Pick-Up" Authorization Form.**

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Program “Discipline Exclusion” Policy

Attendance at the **KidsCare** program is a privilege, and therefore, the **KidsCare** program reserves the right to exclude any participant from any or all **KidsCare** program(s) for any behavior deemed inappropriate by staff members and program officials. Furthermore, the **KidsCare** program reserves the right to immediately remove and exclude any child from any or all **KidsCare** program(s) who poses a direct threat to the safety and welfare of others in the **KidsCare** program. In such cases, all monies paid on a child’s **KidsCare** account will be completely **non-refundable**.

Program Registration

Registration for the **KidsCare** program will begin during the month of June. Early registration is strongly encouraged since spaces are limited and program enrollments fill up quickly. However, regular registration can occur at any time during the school year, space permitting.

All full-time and part-time registrations must be accompanied by the required **non-refundable** program registration fee (see Program Locations/Fees).

Registration and all required forms must be completed prior to the child's first day in the program. Once a student is registered, any enrollment change requests will be subject to a \$25 processing fee for each request.

Program “Sick Day” Credits

No credits will be allowed for any unattended days, regardless of reason. Participants will receive no credit for program days cancelled due to inclement weather. No credit will be extended for sick days except for a child requiring hospitalization or suffering from a contagious illness. In these cases, a physician's note will be required prior to the approval of the sick day credit.

Program Fee Payments

KidsCare program fees for enrollment are calculated on a yearly basis and divided into 9 equal payments. Monthly fees are not based on the number of program days per month.

All monthly KidsCare tuition fees must be pre-paid and are completely non-refundable regardless of reason.

Tuition fees for each program month are billed on or near the 1st of the month, and are payable by the 5th of the month of service. A “Late Fee” of \$40 is automatically charged to any accounts not paid in full by the 10th of the program month for which the tuition fee is billed.

All late “pick-up” charges, fees for late payments, and returned check fees are payable in full upon receipt. In addition, the **KidsCare** program reserves the right to exclude any child from the program due to “unpaid” or “past due” monthly tuition fees.

Monthly statements will be mailed to all program participants. Fees may be paid by Check, Money Order, or Credit Card (VISA, MasterCard, Discover).

Program “Child Pick-Up” Policy

Children must be signed out and picked up prior to the 6PM closing time. Late pick-up incidents are subject to be billed at \$5 per every 5 minutes. For determining the *official time*, the KidsCare staff use the school’s cafeteria clock.

Children will only be released to parents, legal guardians, or designated persons 18 years of age or older, listed on the **Student Emergency Information/Emergency Release/Student “Pick-Up” Authorization Form**.

Identification will be required of any person picking up a child other than the parent or legal guardian. If any doubt exists, the child will not be released into the person’s custody and the parent will be notified. Please carefully read the **Student Emergency Information/Emergency Release/Student “Pick-Up” Authorization Form** for further details.

Program “Student Absence” Notification

It will be the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian to notify the **KidsCare** office if their child will not be attending the **KidsCare “PM”** program due to illness or other reason. If your child is scheduled to attend the **KidsCare “PM”** program, and fails to report to the program as scheduled, and attended school on that day, and no parent notification is received, the **KidsCare** staff will contact the parent and/or emergency contacts to verify the whereabouts of the child.

“After-School” Snack

The **KidsCare** program will provide each child with a small after-school snack. Any food allergies should be recorded on the child’s **Student Emergency Information/Emergency Release Form**.

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Program “After-Hours” Telephone

Should it be necessary for a parent or legal guardian to contact the **KidsCare “PM”** program while it is in session, parents will be able to contact their child’s **KidsCare** program directly. Program telephone numbers will be provided to parents prior to the start of each school year.

Program “Emergency Information” Policy

All children participating in the **KidsCare** program will be required to have an updated **Student Emergency Information/Emergency Release/Student “Pick-Up” Authorization Form** on file at all times. This form is required and must be completed and signed by a parent or legal guardian prior to a child’s admittance into a **KidsCare** program. Refusal of parents or legal guardian to sign this form will automatically void all registrations and monies will be refunded.

It is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian to assure that KidsCare officials and program staff members are alerted about special health and/or medical considerations concerning their child.

Parents of children who are highly sensitive to bee stings and/or have any other severe allergy will be required to complete a Severe Allergy “Action Plan” and to supply any special medicines as required by program officials.

Due to the time of day at which the program is held, **no medication will be dispensed by program staff members.**

Health Examination Reports (Required)

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania mandates health examinations for all children upon entry into school. Child Care licensing requirements by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services also require a health “physical” examination upon entry into the **KidsCare** program.

Therefore, all “new” children to the **KidsCare** program are required to submit a health “physical” examination form, with a physician’s signature/stamp, including immunization record, to the **KidsCare** program. A **Child Health Assessment** form is included with this portfolio, and extra forms are available from the **KidsCare** office. Failure to comply with this requirement within 30 days of enrollment will result in the child not being permitted to continue in the **KidsCare** program.

Program Snow Closing/Delayed Opening/Early Dismissal Policy/ Non-Weather Related Emergency Closings

All **KidsCare** programs will not operate when schools are closed due to inclement weather for the day.

Should schools have a one or two hour “delayed opening”, the KidsCare “AM” program will start one or two hours late depending on the length of the delayed opening.

The **KidsCare “PM”** program will operate on **Snow “Early Dismissal” Days** should schools dismiss early for inclement weather and will operate until the regular 6PM closing time. Parents are requested to pick-up their child(ren) as early as possible on these days.

Additionally, KidsCare reserves the right to close its KidsCare “PM” program earlier than 6 PM on Snow “Early Dismissal” Days when severe and extreme weather conditions exist or are predicted.

Should a non-weather related situation arise causing schools to be dismissed early, **KidsCare** will adhere to the decision of the School District regarding the operation of the **KidsCare “PM”** program. Should the School District decide that **KidsCare** should open its **KidsCare “PM”** program at the start of early dismissal, **KidsCare** will immediately implement the procedures indicated on the enclosed **Emergency Contact Form**, and the **KidsCare “PM”** program will operate until all children have been safely picked up by their parents or designated “pick-up” persons. Should the School District decide that **KidsCare** will not be allowed to operate, children will be dismissed according to each school’s emergency early dismissal plan.

Photo Release Policy

Attendance of a child at **KidsCare** implies and grants the parents’ and/or guardians’ permission to **KidsCare** officials the right to use, reproduce, and/or distribute photographs of their child participating in **KidsCare** activities, without compensation or approval rights, for use in materials created for purposes of promoting the activities of **KidsCare**.

Court Orders Affecting Students

In situations where an enrolled student is the subject of a court order (Custody, Restraining, Protection or other) **KidsCare** must be provided with a copy of the most recent order and amendments thereto. The orders of the court will be strictly followed unless the custodial parent(s) requests a more liberal variation of the order in writing. In a case where both parents have joint/shared custody by order of the court, both parents must sign the request.

In the absence of a court order on file with **KidsCare**, both parents shall be afforded equal access to their child as stipulated by law.

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Inclusion

Our early childhood instructors use developmentally appropriate practices and consider the unique needs of all children when planning. Staff will make every attempt to make any adaptations or modifications necessary to meet the needs of the children. Schedules, routines and activities are flexible and staff will work with therapists, special educators and other professionals to integrate individual accommodations, modifications and strategies into classroom routines and activities. Any adaptations will be reviewed with families and other professionals supporting the child.

Our responsibilities for providing care to children with disabilities is fundamentally different than the obligations of the public school and that while we will review and assist any wrap-around programs with the implementation a child's IEP, we are not required to provide services outlined in any child's IEP as we are not considered an education institution under IDEIA laws. We are required to provide reasonable accommodations under ADA laws only. Parents are welcome to discuss the reasonable accommodations that can be made for their special needs child.

Parents are asked to provide IEP information and information regarding any one-on-one or therapeutic services the child receives etc. to the director at registration and we ask that you supply us with the IEP if you have one. If your child has a one-on one at school, please let us know.

Bathroom Self-sufficiency Requirement

KidsCare staff are not permitted to enter the bathroom to assist children. Therefore, all children participating in the KidsCare programs must be fully independent in using the bathroom and cleaning up after themselves. (Pullups and other disposable diaper-like equivalents are not acceptable). If a child is not independent in the bathroom or has frequent accidents, KidsCare deserves the right to suspend childcare services until the issue is resolved.

Program Activities and Events

Each child attending the **KidsCare** programs will participate in a daily program consisting of a flexible and varied schedule of activities. The basic program components are as follows:

KidsCare "PM"

- **Arrival/"Cool-Off, Warm-Up" Activities**

This activity period gives the participants an opportunity to "shift gears" and relax from their busy day of school by choosing from a selection of high interest activities that help to reinforce learning, as well as to promote social interaction, self-mastery, creativity, and enjoyment. These activities will include, but are not limited to the following:

Table-Top Games

Puzzles & Challenges

Drawing & Design

Word & Writing Activities

Building Activities

"I Can Do It" Mini-Craft

Creative Play

Interactive Video Games & Wii

The Book Nook

Each child will receive an after-school snack on each day of the program.

- **Homework Helper**

"Homework Helper" provides participants with a supervised homework time, as well as an opportunity to seek additional help and tutorial assistance with homework assignments, lessons not fully understood, and research assignments. Students participating in "Homework Helper" work with the assistance of **KidsCare** staff in a quiet area of the **KidsCare** program, a school classroom, or the school library, away from the regular **KidsCare** program.

It should be understood that this homework period does not replace a regularly established study and homework time at home when parents can review the day's lessons and review homework activities with their child and insure that it is completed as required.

- **Enrichment Activities**

Each participant will be given the opportunity to participate in one or two enrichment or specially planned activities daily. These educational and enrichment activities are based on a monthly thematic unit, and will give participants the opportunity to enrich their experience of the world around them, while reinforcing literacy (reading, writing, listening, observing, and speaking), mathematical, scientific, and social studies skills acquired in the classroom. These activities will include, but are not limited to the following:

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Arts & Crafts (using all types of media)

Cooking with Kids

Dramatic Arts & Storytelling

Word & Writing Activities

S.T.E.M. Activities

Sport and Cooperative Recreational Activities

Cooperative Challenges & Projects

Community Awareness & Service Projects

- **Self-Help Activities**

Throughout the year's program, the **KidsCare "I Can Do It" Club** will present participants with a series of fun and stimulating activities to foster their knowledge and awareness of safe practices. These "self-help" activities will include, but are not limited to the following:

Basic Fundamentals of First Aid

Preventing Home Accidents

"Self-Help" Skills for Kids

All About "Me" Activities

Fire Safety & Education

Handling Emergency Situations / Identifying Dangerous "Household" Situations

- **S.T.E.M. Activities- (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) –**

Allows children to engage to engage in hands-on, fun-related, educational activities related to science, math, engineering and technology. Discover the nuts and bolts of engineering, construct a fleet of rockets, learn about nature, space and its biggest secrets and learn the coolest math-based games.

- **Health Awareness Activities**

The **KidsCare "Healthy Kids" Club** presents participants with a series of "healthy habits" activities to foster their knowledge and awareness of healthy practices and good nutrition. These health awareness activities will include, but are not limited to the following:

Nutrition & Healthy Choices Exercise

Physical Activity

- **Leisure Arts Club**

KidsCare recognizes the importance of leisure arts and the positive effect they can have on one's overall health and well-being. Learning and becoming proficient in a hobby or pastime can bring hours of enjoyment and build friendships with fellow hobbyists throughout one's lifetime. It is for this reason that the "**Leisure Arts Club**" has been integrated into the **KidsCare** program. Each week participants will have the opportunity to try some leisure art skills which include, but are not limited to:

Knitting & Crocheting

Beading

Weaving

Model Making

- **Community Awareness Activities & Projects**

The idea and belief that "*I can make a difference*" is the central theme to **KidsCare's Community Awareness** activities and projects. Each participant will have the opportunity to be actively involved in learning about "community", as well as participating in meaningful projects helping members of their local community, as well as the global community as a whole.

- **Special Enrichment classes** (Held at participating schools for an additional fee. Please call for locations) **Courses include but are not limited to:**

Chinese

German

Chess

Science Wizards

Spanish

KidsCare "AM"

- **"Warm-Up"/Supervised Creative Play**

Considering the time of day, the **KidsCare "AM"** program provides for children who need extra time to "wake up" or "slowly get into" the upcoming day's schedule. This phase of the before-school program allows children to gradually work into program activities, and enables them to simply rest, read a quiet book, participate in quiet, creative play by themselves or with a couple of friends, engage in an activity center, or relax and chat with a friend.

- **Enrichment Activities**

Each participant will be given the opportunity to participate in one or two specially planned activities daily. These educational activities are much like the activities planned for the **KidsCare** afternoon program, but are tailored for this special time of the day when the children are "waking up" and starting their day. These activities are based on a monthly thematic unit and will give participants the opportunity to enrich their experience of the world around them, while reinforcing learning. These activities will include, but are not limited to the following:

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Arts & Crafts (using all types of art media) Cooking With Kids, S.T.E.M. Activities, Dramatic Arts & Storytelling Cooperative Challenges & Projects, and Word & Writing Activities.

- **Homework “Check”**

During this time, each child will be given the opportunity to “check” their homework assignments for completeness and accuracy, and to prepare for the day's educational program.

It should be understood that this homework “check” does not replace a regularly established study and homework time at home where parents can “review” school assignments and homework activities with their child and insure that it is completed as required.

“Half-Day” Program

KidsCare will operate a “Half-Day” Program on teacher “in-service” half-days which are scheduled regularly throughout the school year, as well as parent-teacher conference early dismissal days scheduled for the Fall and Spring. “Half-Day” Programs start at the time of early dismissal and end at the regular 6PM closing time. The “Half-Day” Program is automatically included in the full-time **KidsCare “PM”** enrollment option. Those registered in other **KidsCare** programs who desire to attend the “Half-Day” Program must also select the “Half-Day” Program enrollment option on the **Registration Form/Child Care Contractual Agreement**. Enrollment in the “Half-Day” program is only available to students enrolled full-time or part-time in the **KidsCare “AM”** or **KidsCare “PM”** programs.

“Day-Off” Program

This service provides working parents with the opportunity to enroll their children in an extended-day child care program on days when the schools are closed for teacher in-service days, parent conferences, and other school holidays. The **“Day-Off” Program** opens at **7AM** and continues to **6PM**. Children can be dropped off and/or picked up at any time throughout the program day.

The **KidsCare “Day-Off” Program** features a program similar to its **KidsCare “AM”** and **KidsCare “PM”** programs, but with the flair of a summer day camp program.

The schedule of **“Day-Off” Program** is listed on the **“Day-Off” Program Information/Registration Form** included in this portfolio.

Enrollment in the “Day-Off” Program will be on an as needed basis (see “Day-Off” Program Information/Registration Form for specific guidelines). Advanced registration is needed. KidsCare reserves the right to refuse walk-ins.

Cancellation of Day-Off registrations must be made at least 1 week prior to the actual Day-Off date, otherwise the Day-Off fee will not be refunded.

There will be a supplemental charge of \$15.00 for any student who arrives without having been registered in advance.

Registration is available online: If you have access to a computer and the internet please go to www.kidscareofpennridge.com and complete all of the forms.

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Program Themes, 2024-2025

Traveling Route 66 and Beyond

This year, we're embarking on a memorable road trip across America from West to East, starting on the legendary Rte. 66! Each month, we'll explore a different state, celebrating its special attractions, landmarks, history, and special cuisine. Let's enjoy this journey together as we actively learn about our country.

September: California Dreaming on Our Expedition in the Southwest!

This month, we're spotlighting this exciting and fun-filled part of America! It's all part of the beautiful southwest, movie stars, Academy Awards, sunglasses, beach towels as well as cowboys, horses, and cattle ranches too! We'll have a beach party and dance to all the old Beach Boys tunes, rustle up a Chuck-wagon snack, explore the Mojave Desert, and learn about the wide variety of hardy animals that live there! Build a dam and try an experiment on erosion! Oh, let's not forget Los Angeles and Hollywood and explore the Hollywood Walk of Fame! Let's create a star for each of us since we're all stars in KidsCare!

October: New Mexico, the Land of Enchantment

Let's celebrate Albuquerque's International Balloon Festival with a balloon fiesta filled with balloon activities and a making a balloon pinata. New Mexico wouldn't be complete without making and eating some Green Chili salsa and chips or nachos and fried bread as we read Susan I. Nalto's book, Green Chile and Ham. We'll make Native American friendship bracelets and yarn art bowls and explore creating blossoming cactus magnets and some desert-colored pins. It's all fun and sunny regarding the happy trails of the Southwest!

November: The Wide Open Spaces in Texas

Texas wouldn't be complete without a good old-fashioned rodeo. Get to rope and ride, and practice twirling a rope! Do you want to wear your cowboy hats, or should we make them? Watch the different animals at the rodeo. Let's not forget the NASA Space Center in Houston, where we can explore our galaxy or go to the moon with exciting hands-on STEM activities. Would you like to be an astronaut and go to the moon? Perhaps we should design some space gear. We'll make some Tex-Mex food, such as enchiladas, tacos, and fajitas, which combine Mexican and American flavors.

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December: The Mid-West and Detroit: The Motor City

This month, we'll immerse ourselves in the rich diversity of the Midwest. We are crossing the Mighty Mississippi and heading to the Midwest! From the St. Louis Gateway Arch and the farm fields of Kansas to the cold of the Windy City. We will explore America's "bread basket"! by planting our own "crop," making bread, and Kellogg's Rice Crispy Treats! Join us as we enjoy singing and moving to the beat of some Motown songs or experiment with "Wizard of Oz" twisters in a bottle. Get inspired by the first wheels of Ford to the fastest of "Indy" and have fun making our own Krazy Kazoo Racers and racing them to the checkered flag as we travel around the mid-west!

January: Nashville Bound and a Little Southern Hospitality

This month, we'll explore a little "southern hospitality" and the home of Country Music, Dixieland Jazz, and even the roots of Rock 'n' Roll with Elvis Presley! We'll learn to make and play a box banjo and possibly put our jug band together. We will try our hand at making Mississippi paddleboats and NASCAR racers and, with inspiration from the Wright Brothers, design our planes. Taste buds will be tempted by some country "grits" and Georgia peaches! Test your skills in the Mighty Mississippi Team Challenge and make some beautiful beaded Mardi Gras masks. Ever wonder what makes the Great Smoky Mountains smoky? Maybe we will solve that mystery, too, while we enjoy the Grand Ole South!

February: Illinois...The Land of Lincoln and Deep-Dish Pizza

Let's start by visiting Lincoln's home, where our great President Abraham Lincoln lived before he became president. What do we know about this great president? How can we honor him at KidsCare? After that, we'll stop for lunch and have Chicago deep-dish pizza, with its thick crust, chunky tomato sauce, and layers of cheese. We can try to make our very own pizzas at KidsCare! Did you know that Chicago is the birthplace of the skyscraper? Let's have a STEM challenge and make skyscrapers from sticks or toothpicks! **This is where our iconic Rt. 66 ends, but we're continuing to honor some of our northeastern states, so we are now going above and beyond!**

March: The Mid-Atlantic States and "Philadelphia Freedom"

On this leg of our journey, we will explore the "Cradle of Liberty" known as Philadelphia and the surrounding Mid-Atlantic area. What do the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Atlantic City, Rehoboth Beach, Gettysburg, and Baltimore Harbor have in common? They're all in or around Philadelphia, of course. Enjoy a game of Maryland crab soccer, make an Amish Hex sign, or visit Atlantic City in the great Monopoly Marathon! From making our own "Declaration of Independence" and "tri-corner" hats to dancing on our own "American Bandstand Day," we will delve into what makes the Philadelphia area fun! And let's not forget to honor our sports teams with pillows and other paraphernalia- Go Eagles, Phillies, 76ers, and The Flyers!

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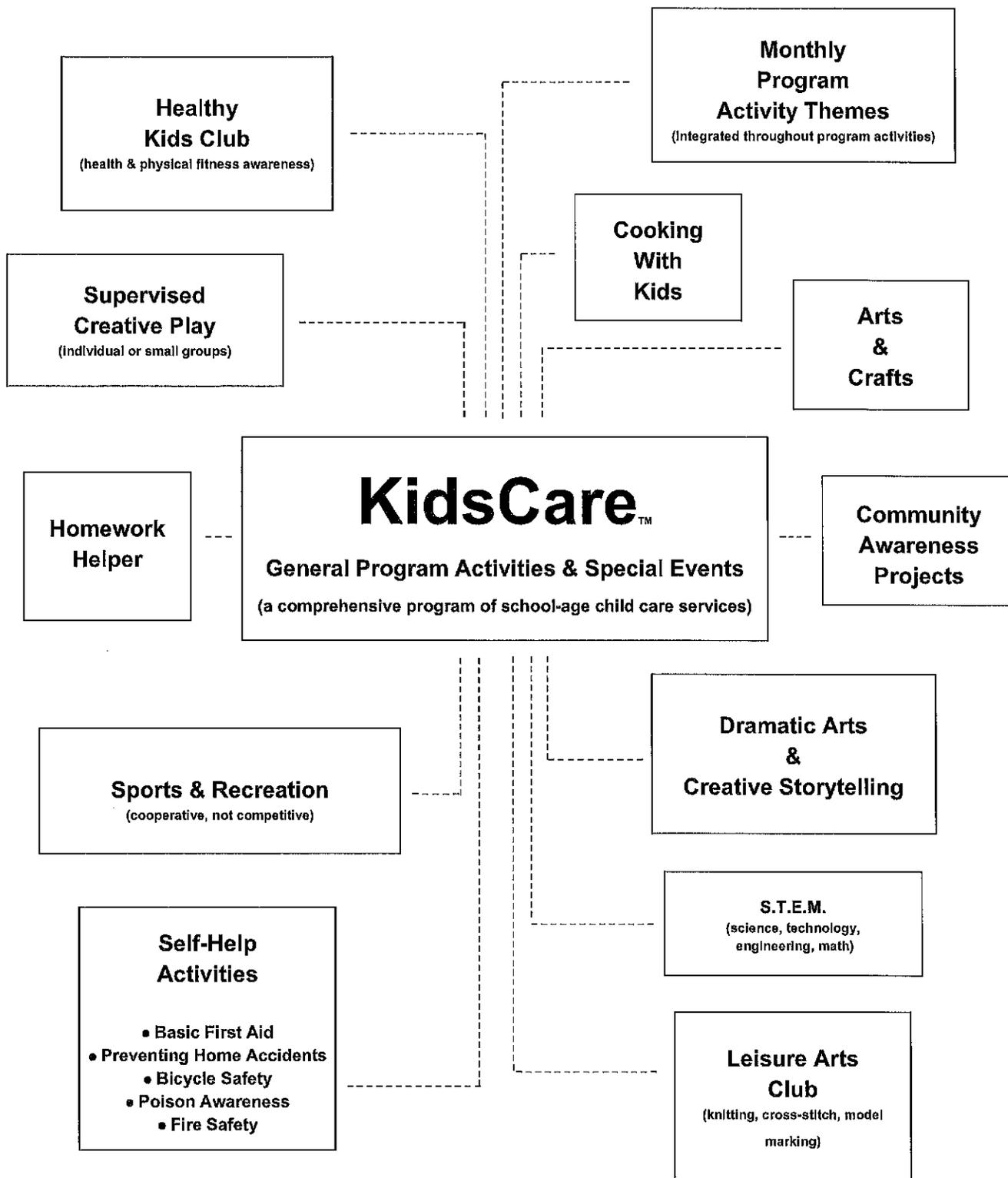
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April: “New York, New York: It’s a Wonderful Town”

We’ll begin our tour as many ancestors did by sailing past the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and New York Harbor. Once there, we’ll explore everything from Broadway to the Bronx. We’ll “bite” the “Big Apple” by making and eating a “sub” and a “Coney Island” hot dog. We’ll craft our own bagel magnets (and eat some bagels) and make some NY Yankee’s soda can covers. We’ll become engineers by designing one of New York’s bridges, such as the Brooklyn Bridge or the George Washington Bridge, with toothpicks or other sticks. We’ll be actors in a “Broadway” play and enjoy playing “Taxi Cab Tag” and “Jump the Hudson”! The sky is the limit when it comes to New York! Remember, it’s the town that never sleeps! So let’s play the famous song!

May/June: Moving Northeast to New England: A Bewitching Beautiful Place

Our final stop is heading north to explore the lush green mountains and the tremendous rocky coast of New England! From Plymouth Rock to Arcadia National Park, we will be immersing ourselves in the rich culture of the northeast. We’ll make and eat Boston baked beans and maple syrup candy. Discover what makes New England clam chowder different than its New York cousin. Use your creative talents to design maple leaf necklaces, some beaded whale key chains, and oyster cracker critters. Have some fun playing Captain’s Walk, Lobster Limbo, and the Paul Revere Relay races. We’re setting our nets for adventure and a fantastic, fun-filled summer vacation!



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“Day-Off” Location:

Seylar Elementary School
820 Callowhil Road
Perkasie, PA

Program Fees for Day-Off Program

___ First Child: **\$49 per day** ___ Second Child: **\$40 per day** ___ Third Child: **Free!**

“Day-Off” Program Dates, 2024-2025

Friday, August 30	Tuesday, November 5	Friday, February 14
Thursday, October 3	Wednesday, November 27	Friday, March 14
Friday, October 4	Friday, January 24	Monday, April 21

“Day-Off” Program Policies

- All “Day-Off” Programs OPEN at 7AM and CLOSE at 6PM. No transportation is provided. Please pack a *non-perishable* lunch.
- A Late Pickup Fee of \$5 for every 5 minutes will be assessed for late pick-ups after the 6PM closing time.
- “Day-Off” Programs are not held in each KidsCare location. Instead, they are regionalized at one (1) location within the School District.
- The location of the “Day-Off” program will be determined prior to the start of the school year, but is *subject to change*.
- Enrollments in the “Day-Off” Programs are limited, and registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.
- Parents may enroll their child(ren) in the “Day-Off” Program for as many days as needed, but pre-registration is required.
- Cancellation of Day-Offs must be made at least *1 week prior* to the actual Day-Off date, otherwise fees stand *even if day is unattended*.
- “Day-Off” Programs are subject to cancellation due to inclement weather conditions. Should a cancellation occur, parents whose children are enrolled for that particular “Day-Off” Program will be notified by telephone, and a credit will be issued
- No credit or refund will be allowed for any “Day-Off” Program days not attended, regardless of reason.
- The KidsCare program reserves the right to cancel any “Day-Off” Program with insufficient enrollment. Should a “Day-Off” cancellation be necessary, parents will be notified in advanced. Should any “Day-Off” Program be cancelled due to insufficient enrollment, a billing “credit” will be issued.
- **There will be a supplemental charge of \$15.00 for any student who arrives without having been registered in advance.**

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Civil Rights Compliance/Parent Awareness

In accordance with applicable Federal and State civil rights laws and regulatory requirements, you and your children, as a client of this facility, have the right:

- To be provided services at this facility and to be referred for services at other facilities without regard to your race, color, religious creed, handicap, ancestry, national origin, age, or sex.
- To file a complaint of discrimination if you have been discriminated against on the basis of your race, color, religious creed, handicap, ancestry, national origin, age, or sex.

Complaints of discrimination may be filed with any of the following:

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Department of Human Services

Bureau of Equal Opportunity
Room 225, Health and Welfare Building
PO Box 2675
Harrisburg, PA 17110

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Office for Civil Rights

Suite 372, Public Ledger Building
150 South Independence Mall West
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission

Philadelphia Regional Office

110 North 8th Street, Suite 501
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Department of Human Services

Bureau of Equal Opportunity
Southeastern Regional Office
801 Market Street, Suite 5034
Philadelphia, PA 19107

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CHILD HEALTH REPORT

(55 PA CODE §§3270.131, 3280.131 AND 3290.131)

Parent/Provider fill in this part.

CHILD'S NAME: (LAST)	(FIRST)	PARENT/GUARDIAN:
DATE OF BIRTH:	HOME PHONE:	ADDRESS:
CHILD CARE FACILITY NAME:		
FACILITY PHONE:	COUNTY:	WORK PHONE:
<input type="checkbox"/> I authorize the child care staff and my child's health professional to communicate directly if needed to clarify information on this form about my child.		
PARENT'S SIGNATURE:		

DO NOT OMIT ANY INFORMATION
 This form may be updated by a health professional. Initial and date any new data. The child care facility needs a copy of the form.

HEALTH HISTORY AND MEDICAL INFORMATION PERTINENT TO ROUTINE CHILD CARE AND DIAGNOSIS/TREATMENT IN EMERGENCY (DESCRIBE, IF ANY):
 NONE

DESCRIBE ALL MEDICATION AND ANY SPECIAL DIET THE CHILD RECEIVES AND THE REASON FOR MEDICATION AND SPECIAL DIET. ALL MEDICATIONS A CHILD RECEIVES SHOULD BE DOCUMENTED IN THE EVENT THE CHILD REQUIRES EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.
 NONE

CHILD'S ALLERGIES (DESCRIBE, IF ANY):
 NONE

LIST ANY HEALTH PROBLEMS OR SPECIAL NEEDS AND RECOMMENDED TREATMENT/SERVICES. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY TO DESCRIBE THE PLAN FOR CARE THAT SHOULD BE FOLLOWED FOR THE CHILD, INCLUDING INDICATION OF SPECIAL TRAINING REQUIRED FOR STAFF, EQUIPMENT AND PROVISION FOR EMERGENCIES.
 NONE

IN YOUR ASSESSMENT, IS THE CHILD ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN CHILD CARE AND DOES THE CHILD APPEAR TO BE FREE FROM CONTAGIOUS OR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES?
 YES NO IF NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER:

HAS THE CHILD RECEIVED ALL AGE APPROPRIATE SCREENINGS LISTED IN THE ROUTINE PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES CURRENTLY RECOMMENDED BY THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS? (SEE SCHEDULE AT WWW.AAP.ORG) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	NOTE BELOW IF THE RESULTS OF VISION, HEARING OR LEAD SCREENINGS WERE ABNORMAL. IF THE SCREENING WAS ABNORMAL, PROVIDE THE DATE THE SCREENING WAS COMPLETED AND INFORMATION ABOUT REFERRALS, IMPLICATIONS OR ACTIONS RECOMMENDED FOR THE CHILD CARE FACILITY.						
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RECORD DATES OF IMMUNIZATIONS BELOW OR ATTACH A PHOTOCOPY OF THE CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORD

IMMUNIZATIONS	DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE	COMMENTS
HEP-B						
ROTAVIRUS						
DTAP/DTP/TD						
HIB						
PNEUMOCOCCAL						
POLIO						
INFLUENZA						
MMR						
VARICELLA						
HEP-A						
MENINGOCOCCAL						
OTHER						

MEDICAL CARE PROVIDER:	SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN, CRNP OR PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT
ADDRESS:	TITLE:
PHONE:	LICENSE NUMBER: DATE FORM SIGNED:

Parents may write immunization dates; health professional should verify and complete all data.