



KidsPark Oldsmar Parent Handbook

Our hourly childcare centers are for preschool and school age children, ages 2 to 12 years old. We are a unique childcare solution that offers a safe and fun play space that is available without reservations, so you can drop in days, evenings and weekends, whenever you need childcare.

Our play space offers many entertaining and learning activities through a mix of teacher organized and child-initiated activities in both group and individual settings. Kids choose. Play components are selected to promote cooperation, socialization, listening skills and motor development. Each month there are featured activities that include cooking, arts and crafts, sensory exploration or hands-on science

Use us when you need to keep appointments, run errands, attend school or meetings, tend to business or an ailing family member, go shopping, see the doctor or dentist, enjoy an evening out for dinner or a show, ... or just to relax and re-energize.

Times to fly in.

Monday-Thursday: 8am-8pm

Friday: 8am-10pm Saturday: 10am-10pm

Sunday: closed

- Close early on: Halloween, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve
- Closed: New Year's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day
- Holiday hours are subject to change

Tasty Treats.

- Snacks are complimentarily served at 10am, 3pm and 8pm.
- Meals are served at noon and 6pm.
- Meals can be brought from home or purchased. If bringing home meals, please
 be mindful that we are unable to heat or keep food items cold. We suggest
 packing meals in a thermos or with an icepack.
- Menus and meal prices are posted at each center. Nutrition meets the state of Florida requirements. WE ARE A NUT FREE CENTER.

Who is sleepy?

Naps are not scheduled since children arrive at various times. If a child is tired, they are encouraged to rest in our theater which is typically a quiet area. For very young children, please try to schedule visits around nap time. If a child needs to sleep, we do provide mats in the theater area. We ask parents to supply pillows and blankets.

Our daily schedule.

<u>Action Games</u> are offered hourly, such as parachute play, relay races, jump rope, balloon volleyball and ribbon dancing. The chosen activity is based on the interest, age, and energy level of the children present.

<u>Mountain of Energy</u>, a safe outlet for jumping, climbing, and sliding, is available throughout the day on a rotational basis between preschool and school age children. When both age groups are present, each is allowed to play for about 15 minutes before the age group is changed.

<u>Sensory Exploration</u>, like play dough, shaving cream, goop and Kinetic Sand is available throughout the day.

<u>Group Times</u> are offered at least 5 times a day and incorporate music, dance, drama and imagination. There is a group time before each snack and meal: 9:45am, 11:45am, 2:45pm, 5:45pm and 7:45pm.

<u>Art</u> is offered throughout the day and exposes children to various mediums and processes, like cutting, gluing, sculpting, beading, painting, stamping and folding.

<u>School Age</u> schedules follow the school calendar. On a daily basis there are offerings of various art and games, as well as homework support. During school vacations special activities are planned.

Diapers and Toilet Training are tended to every 2 hours, or, as needed. If your child is in the process of being toilet trained, let the staff know to remind them.

Join the fun!

KidsPark only accepts healthy children between the ages of 2 and 12 years old. We take every precaution to safeguard other children against illness. At check-in, KidsPark will visually inspect children to be sure they do not have a fever, rash, sore throat, cold, diarrhea or pink eyes.

If a child does become ill while in our care, the parents will be contacted. Depending on the severity of the illness, if the parents do not respond within a half hour of the call, at the discretion of the Director or Shift Lead, the child's emergency contact may be called.

The sick child is isolated from the other children and made as comfortable as possible. KidsPark will not administer any medications that are not prescribed by a physician. Attention is given to the toys the child may have put in their mouth – each must be disinfected with a bleach and water solution.

We provide a healthy environment; The state of Florida requires us to have an up to date health and immunization records for all preschool children. Medical exemptions are permitted. Religious immunization exemptions are not permitted at our facility. Appropriate documentation for all medical records is required and must be brought in within 30 days of the first visit. Each parent assesses their child's appropriateness for KidsPark and fully discloses if their child has any medical, psychological, physical, or mental condition for

which special attention is required.

Children and parental rights.

KidsPark is a recreational facility for children. Therefore, a substantial level of noise and activity is expected and encouraged. The basic rules that we want children to adhere to are respect for property, and respect for the safety and activities of others. Therefore, disciplinary action will be exercised only when one child's action either: (1) Poses a safety threat to self or others (2) Is destructive of property (3) Directly disrupts another person's activity.

The following disciplinary steps will be taken:

- 1. Redirection: interest the child in another activity
- 2. Limit setting: not allow the child to participate in the activity he/she was abusing.
- 3. Limit choices: the child may only do the activity you have chosen or may choose from the activities you present.
- 4. Visit limitation: parent may be called for child to go home or discuss a future visit schedule with limitations.

IN NO CASE WILL THERE BE ANY PHYSICAL CONTACT! At the end of each visit, our staff will be in contact with parents regarding children's behavior and redirection techniques used. In some cases, a parent conference may be scheduled to address on going behavior concerns and to discuss ways in which we can provide the best possible care to their child.

We take care of all the details.

<u>Check children</u> in by registering with our teacher or receptionist and entering the following when prompted by our computer check in: name of person checking the child in, parent's emergency contact number, name of child, time in, meal status (brought from home, will purchase or is not eating) and their signature. Before leaving the child, the person will also tell our receptionist if there are any special needs for the visit. (Hygiene) If your child is in diapers, bring disposable diapers for changes. Write your child's name and last initial on their diaper and deposit it in the Diaper Bin at the counter (WE DO NOT PROVIDE DIAPERS). KidsPark provides wipes. We do not use any powder or ointment. If your child is toilet training, bring a change of clothing. Extra clothing should be marked with the child's name and last initial and kept in the cubby with their shoes.

When picking up, the person will identify themselves to the receptionist and be verified as authorized for pick-up either by their name and password or name and picture ID. After being approved, the person will sign out the child by writing their signature and time out next to where the child was checked in or on our lobby computer system. Payment is expected at the time of pick up by cash, charge or debit. Before leaving, check for unused diapers, and any soiled clothing or cloth diapers in sealed plastic bags with your child's name on it.

Both the family's registration form and our Center Management program maintain all of State Licensing's required information provided by the parent.

Medication Policy

If your child requires any medication during their visit, the medicine must be prescribed by a physician and in its original container. We will administer it per the directions if the child is in our care at that time and the parent signs a Medication Authorization form.

Medical Emergency

If a child sustains an injury that we determine constitutes an emergency or life threatening situation, we will take the following steps.

- Apply appropriate first aid
- Call 911
- Contact the parent or the Emergency Contact to ask them to pick-up the child immediately or to give us further instructions
- If no one responds, we will act as an agent for the Parent to authorize medical care and have the child taken to the closest Emergency Room. We will be sure to take their Registration and Medical Release Forms.
- The incident will be documented, and the Director will be notified so the incident/Injury Report can be completed.

Field Trips and Transportation:

None

Reporting Child Abuse: As a State of Florida licensed facility, our staff is mandated to report suspected physical or sexual child abuse to Child Protection Service. If abuse is suspected, staff will take the following steps: (1) Consult with their Director or Shift Lead (2) While child is still at KidsPark, contact Child Protection Services (3) Complete a Suspected Child Abuse Report (\$\$8572) and report to Child Protective Services.

Sample Menu:

Meals

All meals are served with 2% milk and a fruit/vegetable.

	Lunch - Noon	Dinner -6:00 pm	
Monday	Mac N Cheese Pizza		
Tuesday	Chicken Bites Pizza		
Wednesday	Mac N Cheese Pizza		
Thursday	Chicken Bites Pizza		
Friday	Mac N Cheese Pizza		
Saturday	Pizza Pizza		
Sunday	No Meal Service		

Snacks

All snacks are served with 100% Apple Juice.

	10am Snack	3pm Snack	8pm Snack
Monday	Graham Crackers	Cheese Goldfish	Ritz Crackers
Tuesday	Animal Crackers	Pretzels	Cheese Goldfish
Wednesday	Ritz Crackers	Graham Crackers	Animal Crackers
Thursday	Ritz Crackers	Cheese Goldfish	Pretzels
Friday	Graham Crackers	Animal Crackers	Cheese Goldfish
Saturday		Cheese Goldfish	Pretzels
Sunday		Ritz Crackers	