



Welcome to Odyssey Nursery Khalifa!

"And remember, also, ... that many places you would like to see are just off the map and many things you want to know are just out of sight or a little beyond your reach. But someday you'll reach them all, for what you learn today, for no reason at all, will help you discover all the wonderful secrets of tomorrow."

Norton Juster, The Phantom Tollbooth

Dear Parents ,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 Odyssey Nursery New Year!

As we anticipate the beginning of the school year, we contemplate the little ones that we will soon meet and get to know over the upcoming year. We all remember our first day of school as children and the mix of excited anticipation and fear that we felt. The same goes for our children. Perhaps as parents we are more nervous than they are. We want you to know that we understand. Each one of us teachers is a parent. We all know the fears, the hopes, the problems, and the joys of parenting. Yet we are also Early Childhood Educators. We understand, perhaps better than most, how very important the task of educating the young child is.

Keep in mind, a little separation anxiety is not uncommon or unexpected for children starting, or returning to, preschool. To help your child handle their uncertainty and nervousness, we recommend keeping a positive attitude, giving a little happy reassurance, and trying your best not to linger too long at the preschool before giving a brief goodbye during drop off.

Before long your child will likely settle right into his or her new routine!

(This will only occur after the 3 day Settling in Period)

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We want for your children a true education, because we know that education is not just what a child learns from reading a book (although much can be learned from reading!) or from memorizing letters, numbers, shapes, and facts (although these are important for schooling). Education is what happens when one discovers *meaningful information through experience*. Through this play your child will grow in ability and confidence to move forward and outward to explore and discover (and *learn!*) even more. For what your child learns today (for *many* reasons!) will help your child to discover “all the wonderful secrets of tomorrow.” We hope to provide an environment rich in a variety of meaningful and exciting materials and experiences so that your child can *explore and discover and absorb*.

Our newsletter is an avenue for the school staff and parent - teacher board to communicate with parents. Please be sure to read them monthly and watch for upcoming volunteer opportunities and fun happenings at school. We'd love to have you get involved! Please feel free to join us at our coffee mornings and / or contact us if you're interested in joining the volunteer program. Contact us throughout the year especially if you have any ideas, questions, suggestions or concerns. You can reach us best by email, by phone or just drop by we would love to see you!!!

We are looking forward to a school year filled with learning and lots of laughter!
Wishing You a Great September,




The Reggio Emilia Approach

This approach **emphasises hands-on discovery** learning through drawing, sculpting, painting, dance, music & play.

This learning through play method increases & stimulates children's desire to learn further, whilst diversifying their experience & enriching their comprehension.

We aim to support children to develop independence, confidence, self-esteem & a love of learning.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

**SUNDAY, AND MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 3
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

SETTLING IN FOR NEW STUDENTS ONLY

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS. (SEE
ATTACHED CALENDAR)**

- 1- CURRICULUM NIGHT, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 4:00-6:00PM**
- 2- SCHOOL FAIR, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22. (SEE ATTACHED VISUAL)**
- 3- SIGN UP FOR LEELAH'S LUNCHESES NEW MENU. (SEE ATTACHED)**
- 4- SIGN UP FOR THE ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES. (ATTACHED)**
- 5- TERM 1 FEE PAYMENT TO BE MADE BY SEPTEMBER 6, 2018.**



New to Preschool?

Here are a few articles that may be helpful during the exciting transition!

- [20 Tips for Parents from Preschool Teachers](#)
- [Growing Independence: Tips for Parents of Young Children](#)
- [Play Based Learning: Why It Matters](#)
- [Reading at Home... Can Make a Huge Difference!](#)



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are like little sponges.

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every word they learn,
every behavior they adopt,
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fruitful future.

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Kids first group

Invites all the parents to our
**FIRST ANNUAL
SCHOOL FAIR**

Saturday, September 22 from 10 am to 1:00 pm



Come and meet our school partners at Odyssey Nursery Khalifa City A!
Get the answers from the experts on how to enroll your
child in your dream school. See you There!

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Leela's lunches


Healthier, happier kids

Our health philosophy

- 1 Add vegetables to purees, sauces and desserts even where you cannot taste them
- 2 Reduce processed ingredients and add more real foods & wholegrains
- 3 Eliminate refined/artificial sweeteners in favour of fruit purees and dates

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Enrichment Activities



Each Activity is 630 AED per term

Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
2:00 - 2:30 PM	YOGA	ISLAMIC	ZUMBA	MUSIC	TENNIS
2:30 - 3:00 PM	FOOTBALL	ARABIC	BALLET	MARTIAL ARTS	GYMNASTICS

September 2018



“Learning and teaching should not stand on opposite banks and just watch the river flow by; instead, they should embark together on a journey down the water” Loris Malaguzzi

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	32	33	34	35	36
37 TERM 1 BEGINS SETTLING IN 8:00am-11:00 am FOR NEW STUDENTS ONLY	38 SETTLING IN 8:00am-11:00 am FOR NEW STUDENTS ONLY	39 FULL DAY FOR ALL CHILDREN	40	41 CURRICULUM NIGHT 4:00PM-6:00PM	42	43
44 FREE TRYOUTS FOR ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES	45 FREE TRYOUTS FOR ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES	46 FREE TRYOUTS FOR ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES	47 FREE TRYOUTS FOR ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES	48 FREE TRYOUTS FOR ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES TEDDY BEAR DAY	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57
		Bring an APPLE DAY JOHNNY APPLESEED DAY		27 Crazy Hat Day	28	29