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Kids R Kids
Learning Academy
of Prairie Hills

October 2026



School Age Information for October

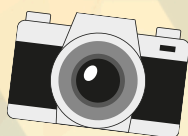


HSD No School Oct 9th - 12th

SFSD No School Oct 12th - 13th

HSD 2 Hours Early Release on
Oct 30th

Our center will be closed on Friday, October 30, for Teacher In-Service and Parent-Teacher Conferences. We will also be hosting our Fall Festival that evening! Stay tuned for additional details about conference scheduling and all the fun planned for the Fall Festival.



EVENTS

- Indigenous People's Day 10/12
- KRK Closed for Conferences and Fall Festival 10/30
- Veterans Day 11/11
- Thanksgiving Feast - 11:30 am 11/20
- KRK Closes at 3:00 PM 11/25
- Thanksgiving Break 11/25-11/27
- Thanksgiving 11/26

SCHOOL CLOSURES

We will be closed Monday, October 12th 2026 in observation of Indigenous People's Day.

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SELECTIVE EATING:

A NORMAL STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT

Introducing new foods, textures, or mealtime routines can cause big reactions in young children. While mealtime struggles can be frustrating, selective eating is a normal developmental stage as toddlers assert independence and explore sensory preferences. That is one of many reasons why hands-on sensory exposure is seamlessly integrated into our daily curriculum.

- Selective eating often starts around 12–18 months as growth naturally slows and toddlers seek independence.
- It can take 10 to 15 or more low-pressure exposures for a child to feel comfortable trying a new food.
- Offering at least one familiar food at meals builds security and encourages exploration without pressure.
- Gentle, consistent exposure helps children build trust and form positive, lifelong eating habits.

Our teachers create low-pressure mealtimes encouraging children to explore new foods at their own pace. If you would like safe-food ideas or extra resources, our Leadership Team is always here to support your family.

Through consistent support and our belief in "Hug First, then Teach," we strive to help children build a happy, healthy relationship with food.

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Before & After School Care



The 2026-2027 school year is officially underway, and the first few weeks have been an absolute blast! Our halls are already buzzing with big smiles, new friendships, and nonstop hands-on learning.

Looking to extend the fun and support your family's daily routine? Enrollment is still open for our Before & After School Program! It's a safe, high-energy space where kids can connect with friends, dive into awesome activities, and start or end their school day on a high note.

Know a family looking for before or after school care?
Ask about our referral program and enrollment availability!

Transportation is available:
To and from Endeavor Elementary in Harrisburg
Afternoon pickup from JFK Elementary in Sioux Falls

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Teacher Spotlight

Ms. Ella



We are so excited to feature Ms. Ella for our October Spotlight! Ms. Ella's journey into education is filled with determination as she chased her lifelong dream of becoming a teacher by going back to college when her daughter was just 18 months old. That dedication shines through every day in the classroom. Her favorite moments are watching a child's face light up when they learn something new.

Working at KRK holds a special place in her heart, as she gets the joy of seeing her own grandkids loved and cared for in the very same environment.

A Few Fun Facts About Ms. Ella:

- **Lifelong Learner:** She has attended three colleges to get to where she is today and is planning on enrolling in a fourth right here in South Dakota!
- **Outdoor Explorer:** When she's not teaching, you'll find her pursuing her favorite hobby: hiking and enjoying the fresh air.

Her Big Hope:

Ms. Ella wants to pass along a love of learning while making sure every single child knows they are deeply loved for their unique selves.

Thank you, Ms. Ella, for bringing so much heart, passion, and joy to our KRK family!

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TEAM BIRTHDAYS

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