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# Kids Connection (KTC)

Wallace Grades K-1

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## **Morning Rotations 9-11 AM**

Students will be broken down into 6 groups this summer. They will cycle through activities such as reading, math, science, art, large motor skills and more, each at approximately 20-minute intervals.

Once your child's group is finished with rotations, they will eat lunch at 11:00 or 11:30 depending on grade level.

## **Purple Shirt Days**

There will be many days this summer that we ask you to wear your purple KTC shirt. The shirt helps us easily locate children who belong with KTC. We ask that you wear purple KTC shirts on field trips to the parks, mini golf, alpacas, the Science Center, Howell's Pumpkin Patch, the zoo, and the Warren County Fair.

**You may choose to purchase additional purple shirts for \$10/shirt by contacting the district office at (515) 252-8490.**

## **At Site Days**

"At site days" are days we take a break from going on a field trip. Instead, we plan themed days with activities to help keep the educational inspiration going for your child. Much like morning rotations, at site days, will be broken down into afternoon rotations with their group leaders from 1-3pm.

***Please make note of these days on your calendar and dress up with us!***

## **Group Leader Bios**

**K-Alyssa Jacobsen:** Hi, my name is Alyssa! This is my fifth summer at KTC! I enjoy reading by the pool, dancing and singing every word at concerts, or planning for my trip to Disney World this September!

**K- Marika Vi:** My name is Marika. I am currently working on a Master's in Education to teach Special Education. I am an associate at Wallace Elementary. In my free time I enjoy biking, playing with my dog, and learning how to play golf with my fiancé

**1A-Avery Kaminski:** My name is Avery and this will be my 5th summer at KTC! I just graduated from Iowa State University this spring and will be moving down to Kansas City at the end of the summer where I'll be a high school PE and Health teacher. I'm excited to have so much fun this summer!

**1A-Aleah Tenpas :** This is my second year working here at Summer KTC. I will be a sophomore in the fall at the University of Iowa, I am studying Elementary Education as I hope to be a teacher one day. In my free time, I enjoy cooking, shopping, running, as well as spending time with my family and friends!

**1B-Lexi Simmons:** My name is Lexi. This will be my second summer here at KTC. In my free time I enjoy going out with friends and playing games. I am so excited to get to know all the little ones this summer!

**1B-Danielle Barrett:** My name is Danielle Barrett. I have been an employee with the Johnston Community School District for the past five years as a paraeducator in special education class. I am a recipient of the TPRA grant through Johnston and currently working on my bachelor's degree in special education. In my spare time I love to go on hikes with my corgi, go fishing with my family and do arts/crafts such as drawing coloring pages for others to enjoy.

## **Pool, Splash Pad and Swim Shirt Info**

Most Fridays we will be attending the Altoona Aquatic Center for swimming. Altoona offers a zero-depth entry pool for students who are new to or not yet comfortable with swimming. Life jackets can be worn, if provided by the parent. Please make sure to write student's name somewhere on the inside for identification.

New this year, we have expanded our visits to splash pads and spray-grounds! We ask that you wear your swimsuit and swim shirt on these days, as well as bringing a towel.

Due to the spray grounds generally having a park near the vicinity, please have your child wear shorts and bring sneakers in case they choose to play on the equipment interchangeably.

**You may choose to purchase additional swim shirts for \$12/shirt, by contacting the district office at (515) 252-8490**