
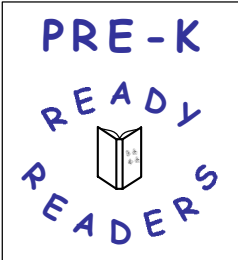




# Great Kids Academy Preschool Alternative Program



## About our Faculty

<b>Founders / Owners</b>	<b>Andrew and Paula Ross</b>		<p>Paula and Andrew are the founders of Andy's Parties, Great Kids Camps, and Great Kids Academy. Andrew holds a BS in Finance from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, and Paula holds a BA in English and Environmental Science from Allegheny College. Andy's Parties has led over 3,000 events since Fall 2004, and Great Kids Camps offers high-end full- and half- day camps across the metro area at five locations. They created Great Kids Academy to be the perfect program for their 3 year old daughter who is GKA's first enrollee. The Rosses wanted it all for their daughter...pre-reading and writing skills, foreign language, playtime, social outlets, art, music...and more!</p>
<b>Program Director / Reading Specialist</b>	<b>Jaime Hemelt</b>		<p>Jaime Hemelt holds a BA in Early Childhood Education from Towson University as well as a Master's Degree of Education in Reading.</p> <p>Jaime joins GKA as our lead teacher and specialist in teaching reading and writing skills to preschoolers. Having founded and implemented her Pre-K Ready Readers program, along with experience teaching kindergarten in Montgomery County Public Schools, she is both qualified and excited to work with your children in the 2 years before kindergarten.</p>
<b>Assistant</b>			<p>Ms. Hemelt will be assisted in the classroom by a terrific assistant instructor to be hired.</p>
<b>Foreign Language</b>	<b>Jabberu Foreign Language School</b>		<p>Jabberu is the Washington D.C. area's leading provider of early childhood foreign language education. Their experienced native speakers teach Spanish, French, Chinese, Italian and Arabic through a fun activities-based program to kids ages 12 months to 10 years old. Jabberu's talented, expert instructors will be teaching our students Spanish.</p>
<b>Music</b>	<b>Impact Performing Arts Studio</b>		<p>Impact Performing Arts will bring a customized music program to GKA. Impact's teachers will help develop and nurture a love for music in your child. In addition to learning the fundamentals of rhythm and beats, basic musical concepts, and instrument play, our students will experiment with vocal sounds and match pitches. Rhythm and melodic patterns will be explored through songs representative of different activities, seasons and a variety of world cultures.</p>