

# K I T E

(Kaleidoscope Institute for Thinking Excellence)

July 29-Aug 2, 2024

A ONE-WEEK FULL-DAY ADVANCED PROGRAM FOR HIGH-ABILITY LEARNERS IN GRADES PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 7

**LOCATION:** PIKE SCHOOL, 34 SUNSET ROCK ROAD, ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS

**KITE 2024 Theme: "Backstories"**

What are the stories **behind** the stories? KITE 2024 will focus on exciting topics as well as students' own interests and ask important questions such as: How did this come about? Who invented/ first thought of that?

For example, many kids play with Lego. "Leg godt" in Danish means "play well" and that is how the name Lego was chosen for a wooden toy company many years ago. It was another 15 years before the plastic toys we now know as Lego were built there. Today, The Lego Group is the largest toy company in the world!

In addition to toys, almost everything has an interesting backstory. Even when you think you know the whole story, there is usually a lot more to discover! Join our KITE 2024 adventurers! Have fun, meet new friends, and research the backstories of things that interest YOU!

*KITE kids will:*

- Use the outdoors in many of their investigations
- Explore opportunities to develop leadership skills
- Use science and technology to solve problems in unique ways
- Participate in Dr. Joseph Renzulli's "Type 3" activities: individual and small group investigations of REAL problems
- Choose Special Interest classes based on results of interest surveys

Our theme merely provides a springboard for many challenging and thought-provoking activities. During the week, our skilled teachers will provide instruction on a variety of topics, pose open-ended questions and function primarily as a "guide on the side" rather than assume the more traditional teacher's role of "sage on the stage." Projects are "hands-on" and interest-based.

**WHO SHOULD GO TO KITE?**

If your child grasps new concepts quickly and deeply, asks questions that show depth of understanding, often adds that "something extra" to a project, **does not require any in-classroom support**, seems motivated to explore new ideas, spends time waiting for others to "catch up"... then we highly recommend that you try the KITE program this summer. Please feel free to call us at (978) 494-3978 any time to discuss your child and to determine whether the KITE program would be a good match. Please see comments from previous families on the KITE link of our website, [www.kaleidoscopekids.com](http://www.kaleidoscopekids.com).

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Emphasis on higher-order creative and critical thinking, as well as problem-solving skills thinking, communication, forecasting, decision-making and planning activities
- Chance to meet and work with other outstanding students, share interests and abilities, and make new friends

- Individual and small group independent investigations
- In-depth study of high-interest topics

**PREREQUISITES:**

- Above-average academic skills
- Independent learning skills
- High degree of motivation
- Teacher survey (sent upon registration; also online)
- Student interest questionnaire (sent in the spring; also online)

**TIME:**

9:00 A.M.–2:30 P.M. daily

**TUITION:**

\$505 per child + \$40 non-refundable registration fee. Refunds are given, less a \$100 cancellation fee, if student withdraws prior to May 1, 2024. **No refunds available beyond that date.**

Early Care (8:00–9:00 A.M.): \$50 per week

Extended Day (2:30–5:00 P.M.): \$225 per week

**REGISTRATION:**

Use form in brochure or register online. Please indicate grade level completed as of June 1, 2024. Teacher surveys will be mailed upon receipt of registration form and tuition. Children will receive several letters prior to the start of the program.

**CLASS SIZE:** 12

**COORDINATORS:** Grant Elliott and Tim Stonecipher

**CONSULTANT:** Janis Baron

**2024 DIRECTOR:** Sandra Blumenthal

**INSTRUCTORS:** Highly qualified, certified teachers with training in gifted education and/or higher-order thinking skills.

**FOR K.I.T.E. INFORMATION: (978) 494-3978**

Visit the K.I.T.E. link at [www.kaleidoscopekids.com](http://www.kaleidoscopekids.com)

**Quotes from KITE parents:**

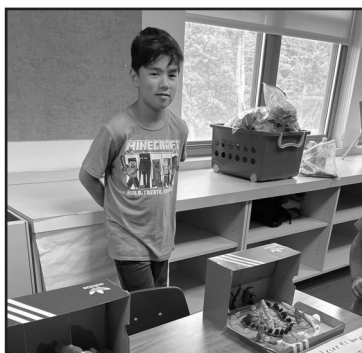
"It means so much to me to have an instructor and a place that gets him. He never really felt smart until he attended a program that really understood him. He says he is so happy to find other kids who like the same things that he does."

"Thank you so much for what you and your instructor have done for him. It's life-long learning."

"(Our daughter) loved her time with you and was always disappointed when it was time to come home."

"(Our son) will definitely be signing up for KITE next summer. He just loves it. It is the highlight of his summer."

## Our 34th Year!





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 At Pike School  
 Grades Pre-K - Grade 7

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## REGISTRATION FORM 2024



Please use this form **only if you plan to mail a check with the form**. Otherwise, please use the registration form on our website, <http://www.kaleidoscopekids.com>. Thank you!

1st CHILD \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ AGE AS OF 6/1/2024 \_\_\_\_\_ YRS. \_\_\_\_\_ MOS. ALLERGIES? \_\_\_\_\_

2nd CHILD \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ AGE AS OF 6/1/2024 \_\_\_\_\_ YRS. \_\_\_\_\_ MOS. ALLERGIES? \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS' NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EMERGENCY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

KITE TUITION (\$505) = \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION FEE (\$40 PER FAMILY) = \_\_\_\_\_

EARLY CARE (\$50) = \_\_\_\_\_

EXTENDED DAY CARE (\$225) = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT US?**

- WEBSITE  WORD OF MOUTH  BROCHURE
- ADVERTISEMENT  CAMP FAIR  OTHER

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Note: If you have questions, please call  
 (978) 494-3978 WEEKDAYS and WEEKENDS.