



Preschool Activity Suggestions

The USS KIDD is not just for big kids and adults. Youngsters can experience a lot of fun and learning here too. Listed below are several activities and internet resources that we suggest can make your visit a memorable one.

Traveling Activities On the Way To The KIDD:

- Have the students sing our state songs for Louisiana.
"You Are My Sunshine" <http://www.50states.com/songs/louis2.htm#.U8VJ1bH5eAk>
"Give Me Louisiana" <http://www.50states.com/songs/louis.htm#.U8VJbrH5eAk>
- Recognize flags along the way. Many businesses, churches, government facilities, etc. have flagpoles in front of their buildings. Have the students look for flags along the way and see if they can identify them. Some flags that you might spot on the way are as follows:



United States



Louisiana



Baton Rouge



New Orleans



Lafayette



Baker



Gonzales

Once You Arrive At The KIDD:

- Counting — You will find several items aboard ship and in the museum building that will help your students in learning to count during their visit to the USS KIDD.
 - In The Museum
 - cannons
 - buoy lights
 - ship's wheels
 - flags
 - Aboard The Ship
 - 5 Inch Guns
 - Flags
 - Life rafts
 - Depth Charges

- Location & Identification — There are also more than a few unique items aboard ship and in the museum for your students to locate, from single items to entire areas.
 - In The Museum
 - model of USS ARIZONA
 - find the sailor
 - diver's helmets
 - P-40 airplane with tiger teeth
 - cannonballs on the Gundeck
 - sailors in the Engineering model
 - Aboard The Ship
 - pirate flag
 - pirate Capt. Kidd
 - life rafts
 - depth charges (bombs)
 - big skillet / frying pan
 - red toilet seat
 - anchor chain

- Photo Ops — Parents love to see their children enjoying their field trips. There are several locations for good photographs.
 - Aboard Ship
 - Have each child take a photo wearing a helmet at the Quarter Deck (*Please do this at the end of your tour, just prior to leaving the ship*).
 - Have the group take a photo at the top of our gangway with the ship in the background.
 - In The Museum
 - Have the group take a photo in the lobby in front of either the U.S. flag over our staircase or the military flags at the rear of the lobby.
 - Have a photo taken of the children manning the cannons in the Old Ironside gundeck exhibit.
 - Have the child pose for photos inside the pilothouse of the steamboat LOUISIANA in front of the large wooden steering wheel.
 - Have a group photo taken beneath the P-40 Warhawk fighter plane.
 - On The Grounds
 - Take a group photo on the levee with the KIDD in the background.
 - Take a group photo beneath the A-7E Corsair II jet aircraft.
 - Take a photo (individual or group) with the statue of Lieutenant General John Archer Lejeune (*Please do not climb or sit on the statue*).

Post-Trip Classroom Activities: Continue the learning back at school with arts and crafts that follow along with what the students have seen at the KIDD. Here are a few suggestions from internet resources:

- American Flag – <http://kidsactivitiesblog.com/53337/30-american-flag-crafts>
- Newspaper Sailor Hats
http://www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/columbus/newspaper_sailors_hats.htm
- Sailor Craft – Make your own sailor
<http://www.dltk-holidays.com/remembrance/mpapersailor.htm>

- Sailor Sam's S Craft – S is for Sailor
<http://www.dltk-teach.com/alphabuddies/msailor.html>
- Floating Boat Craft
<http://www.allkidsnetwork.com/crafts/summer/floating-boat-craft.asp>
- Pirate Hat
<http://craftout.com/2008/02/08/pirate-hat.html>
- Pirate Craft – Make your own pirate
<http://www.youthonline.ca/pirates/piratecraft.shtml>
- Pirate Flag
<http://www.busybeekidscrafts.com/Pirate-Flag.html>