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# A.P.P.L.E.Seeds Press

**May 2013**

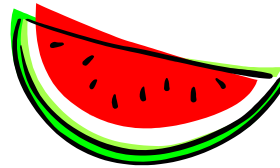
## End of year.....

If the flowers and trees were not in full bloom, I would think it was only October! Yet here we are approaching the end of the 2012/2013 school year already. I guess it is really true that time does fly when you are having fun!

We have had a wonderful school year. With an awesome teaching team the children have really been blessed to have

learned a tremendous amount of wonderful lessons this year. Of course we appreciate the teachers all year but, don't forget to thank them especially during Teacher Appreciation Week May 6—10!

We have Field Days coming up this month that will have all sorts of fun outdoor activities. We also have Blessing of the Children and Graduation at the end of the month.



*Field Days  
May 2nd and 3rd*

Please look on the Volunteer Opportunity board at the preschool entrance to see how you can volunteer for some of these end of the year activities.

### Important Dates to Remember:

Field Day	2nd
Field Day	3rd
Teacher Appreciation Week	6—10th
CF Mini March	9th, 10th
Last Day of School Meredith's 2's, 4's ,and 5's	22nd
Graduation 4's and 5's	23rd
Last Day of School Linda's 2's, 3's	23rd
Blessing of the Children All 2's and 3's	23rd



During the week of May 6 -10 we will be celebrating our wonderful APPLESeeds Teachers! These teachers have dedicated their time and lots of energy to making sure that your children receive the very best preschool experience. Please be sure to thank your child's teacher and all of the teachers and floaters here at APPLESeeds!

## Teacher Appreciation Week

### Teacher gift ideas:

**Monday** - Bring a flower from your yard

**Tuesday** - Chocolate and fruit

**Wednesday** - Homemade card from your child

**Thursday** - a special sweet treat

**Friday** - Get creative!

We would love to have some desserts for our special Teacher Lunch on May 9th!

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### Themes and Letterland:

- ♦ *May 5th*  
*Plants and Flowers*  
*God Grows*
- ♦ *May 12th*  
*Under the Sea*
- ♦ *May 20th*  
*Beach/ Summer Fun*

## Field Days

We will be having our Field Days on Thursday, May 2nd and Friday, May 3rd (weather permitting, 75 or over in the am and no rain). School will begin and end as usual, however, the field day activities will begin at approximately 9:30 and will continue through 11:30.

The children will need to come



to school wearing their bathing suits under their play clothes. They may bring undergarments to change into after the outdoor activities.

We will be outside for most of the morning and there will be water activities,

so please make sure you apply sunscreen before your child comes to school. If they need a reapplication, please send the bottle of sunscreen with your child's name written on the bottle. On this special day they may wear flip flops or water shoes to school. Please also provide a towel for your child with his/her name clearly marked on the towel.

## Blessing of the Children



On Thursday, May 23rd the Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds will have their last day of school and **Blessing of the Children ceremony**. Thursday morning will be a regular school day. However, the parents will need to return to the school Thursday morning at **11:00am** for the ceremony.

There will be a reception following the ceremony in the Fellowship Hall.

Please make sure you check your child's cubbie for any belongings that will need to go home for the summer.

## Graduation

Congratulations to our Four and Five Year Olds who will be graduating from preschool on **Thursday, May 23rd!** The children will need to be here at 6:30pm and the ceremony will begin at 7:00. Please make sure your child is here on time so that we can get their cap and gowns on and get them

ready for the ceremony. After the program we will have cake and punch in the Fellowship Hall. Wednesday morning will be the last day of school for the four and five year olds. So, please make sure you check their cubbies for all of their belongings that will need to go home.



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**THANK YOU!**

I just want to thank you all for a great year! Your donations of time, gifts, food and everything that you all have provided this year has helped to make us the NUMBER ONE preschool! We could not be the best without all of your support and help throughout the year!



**We're on the Web:  
appleseedspreschool.org**



Thank you for all of the chapel offerings we have collected all year. We will be able to purchase several animals through the Heifer Project that will benefit many families in need. We will also be able to send money to the Charlie's Lunch Box Program. Check out the Parent Information Board to see which animals the children have voted as goals to purchase.

Goodbyes.....

We will miss our Four and Five Year Olds who will be heading off to Kindergarten. We wish all of you the best in your new adventures!

And, to all of our returning A.P.P.L.E.Seeds families, we hope that you have a safe and fun summer. We look forward to a new and exciting 2013/2014 school year!



Don't forget, if you have not already registered, **APPLE-Seedlings Summer Camp** will begin on June 10th. You can print a registration form from the website or just ask for one. Please tell your friends and neighbors, too.

All are welcome!

***A Summer Prayer***

Long warm days...  
The pace of life slows...  
A time for picnics  
and rest in the shade...

Lord,  
help me to rest awhile  
in the cooling shade of  
your presence.  
Slow down my restless  
heart and fill me with  
gentle compassion for  
all your people.

Amen