



Abiding Presence Play and Learn Experience

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

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End of year.....

Here we are already at the end of another school year and what a fabulous year we have experienced! As the year comes to a close, it is a good time to reflect on the highs and lows of the year and how God has been here with us for both! He has certainly blessed our preschool with awesome families and staff without which our school would not exist! You all have been

very generous with your time, creativity and donations and it is much appreciated. Our APPLE Seeds teaching team has done a super job of teaching your children all sorts of exciting lessons and they are not finished yet!

Of course we appreciate the teachers all year but, don't forget to thank them especially during Teacher Appreciation Week May 2—6!

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

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 (Tentative)	May 2
Field Day (Tentative)	May 3
Teacher Appreciation Week	2—6
Last Day of School PMO	20
Last Day of School Meredith's 2's, 4's ,and 5's	25
Graduation 4's and 5's	25
Last Day of School Alison's 2's, 3's	26
Blessing of the Children All 2's and 3's	26



Teacher Appreciation Week

During the week of May 2 - 6 we will be celebrating our wonderful APPLE Seeds 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 APPLE Seeds!

You will receive a flyer in your child's cubbie with a bunch of G.R.E.A.T. ideas for small teacher gifts for each day of Teacher Appreciation Week. I also would like to ask for small items for teacher goodie bags. I.E. 13 trial size lotions, 13 packs of gum, 13 chap sticks....

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Themes:

- ♦ *May 1- Plants and Flowers*
God Grows
- ♦ *May 8 -*
- ♦ *Summer fun / Ocean Animals*

Field Days

We will be having our first attempt at Field Days on Monday, May 2nd and Tuesday, May 3rd (weather permitting, 75 or over in the am and no rain). School will begin at **9:00** 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 un-

dergarments 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

Can you face paint or apply a tattoo? Then we need you!

Or, just hang out and be an extra pair of hands. If you can't make it but still would like to help, we would like some watermelon cut into small slices for a refreshing snack.

If the weather does not cooperate on these days, they will be rescheduled for the next day of good weather.

Blessing of the Children



On Thursday, May 26th 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 **10:45 for the 11:00am**

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 **Wednesday, May 25th!** 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 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. Check out the Parent Information Board to see which animals the children have voted for 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 2016/2017 school year!

Don't forget, if you have not already registered, **APPLE-Seedlings Summer Camp** will begin on June 6th. You can print a registration form from the website or just ask for one. Please tell your friends and neighbors, too.



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!



May and Summer Birthdays shout outs:

Ms. Maria, Ms. Meredith, Ms. Alison and Ms. LaShanna, Claire W., Claire W., Cata, Lily, Jackson K., Katie, Xan, Joey, Thomas, Elam, Regan, Cameron, Scarlett L., Austin, Daelynn, Connor L., Ranyansh, Julian, Dhruv, Ethan C., Ava, Teddy, Liam, Jack H., Callie, Bailey, Molly, Juliet



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