

Happy New Year to everyone. We are looking forward to another great year. Thank you for allowing us to serve you. Our school has been serving Laredo since 1990.

Sick students- if your child is too sick to go outside and play, then we prefer that you keep him/her at home. We cannot have a teacher stay inside with just one child. All of our teachers need to be where we have the highest group of students. If your child has a medical doctor's excuse, we will make every effort to help. Otherwise, your child will have to go outside and sit on a bench.

Food - Reminder, children arriving after **8:15 AM**, especially Pre K and up, **should not** come in with food to eat in the classroom. It is very distracting to the other children and the teacher cannot get their lessons started.

High standards - Students that attend our school will acquire a high level of academics. The work that is done by the students meets the standards that most public or private schools have. Your child will leave Apple Bee with excellent reading, math and science skills. However, everything that is taught at Apple Bee is age appropriate. Our objective at Apple Bee is simple "teach children what they are suppose to learn at the given age". Apple Bee, like most private or public schools, has a mission or goals. We are no different because what we all want is for your children to excel.

Reasons why your child may fall behind academically- tardy, absent and/or not doing homework.

Homework - Assignments are due the next day and not whenever. Children in Pre Kinder, Kinder and 1st grade are getting graded for this work.

Reminder - Children should not be dropped off after 10:00 AM. We can refuse to receive your child after 10:00 AM unless you have a doctor's excuse.

Tax Forms - Only those parents that fill out the request form will get tax forms for 2016. We will do only one per family.

Moving children - Like we mentioned on a previous news letter, children are moved or will be moved to other classrooms if we find the following: developmental maturity, eagerness to learn more, and how well they adapt to change. The change can be hard for some children and so we attempt the transitions with caution. If we find that they are not taking the change very well, we hold back on the change. However, this does not mean the student is held back academically. The teachers continue to advance the student/s within the classroom.

Caution- Hand sanitizers can be harmful (toxic) to children so we avoid using them here at the school. Soap and water is still the best form of prevention.

Drop off and Pick up - We are seeing too many children dropped off earlier than scheduled in the morning and picked up later than scheduled. The problem is that when children are dropped off when they are not supposed to it creates a problem with student/ teacher ratio. It gives the impression that we are not organized. The same happens at the end of the day. We schedule our teachers based on how many students are scheduled during especially drop off morning time and off course pick up time. For example, if you signed up your child from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm but drop off at 7:30 AM and then pick up at 6:00 PM that causes a problem. While one or two students my not be difficult to handle 10 to 12 extra students can be. So please, we ask that you follow the schedule you have signed up for.

Toys- We ask that you do not send toys to school. We have children that bring toys with them and then parents want us to keep them in the their cubbies till the end of the day but the children are aware that the toy is there and they will cry during the day because they want the toy.

Parent Conference for the Pk- 3 (Rose Paredes), K-3 (Diana Hernandez), K-4 (Melissa Bautista) and Kinder / First Grade (Cristina Martinez) will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2017.

Thank you.