

# Apple Bee News Letter

May 2, 2017

**Annual Spring Show** - The show was a wonderful event. The teachers did a wonderful job. This event takes many months to prepare and many extra hours on the teachers' part to create everything you see on stage. Keep in mind that our wonderful hard working teachers are not choreographers, artists or seamstresses. They did a tremendous JOB!! Sadly, some parents decided not to have their child participate in the show at the **last** minute leaving behind costumes and hours of preparation that the teachers had put into the show. In one case, the student had an important part in the performance. *In all the years of having the show, we had never seen this happen before.* **The show must go on!**

**Summer Program** - The Center continues its services through the summer. If you are not going to send your child during the summer, we need to be advised by no later than **May 12**

**(In writing)**. We have the right to bill you the whole month in progress if you fail to notify us.

**Reminder:** Commitment letters for next year 2017-2018 were due last month. If you did not sign up your child for next year, a space will not be saved for you. Last day for children without commitment letters is July 31, 2017.

**Pre Kinder, Kinder, and 1st grade** - The children will officially finish their school year on May 26, 2016. However, the students **do not** need stop coming. This is simply the **end** of the **grading period**. *We do not stop* teaching in the summer. Teaching may not be as demanding; but we continue teaching.

**Kinder and 1st Grade** - We still have spaces left for Kinder & 1st grade. At this time we have 9 confirmed students registered and possibly 2 more. If you know someone that might be interested, send him or her our way.

**Advanced curriculum** - During our last parent meeting we discussed our advanced scholastic curriculum. A curriculum specialist confirmed that many of our students that graduate from Apple Bee do indeed demonstrate high skills in reading and math. Some students are up to two grade levels above the norm. This goes to show that our teachers are doing a great job with the students.

**Mother's Day Tea Party** - Mothers are invited to a special event on Friday May 12, 2017 starting at 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Tea party hats are a must for the all mommies. RSVP required to attend this special event. Our little Southern Belles can wear their Sunday's best dresses and our Southern Gentlemen may wear their Sunday's best attire. **This event is for Mommy only no substitutes for the event.** Formal invitations will be sent home.

**Uniforms** - The children do not have to wear their uniforms during June and July. However, they must wear the **Apple Bee T-shirts**. If not they must wear the regular uniforms. This is not an option but a requirement of the school.

**The school hours will be 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM. Monday thru Friday. However, if there is the need to open before 7:30 AM we will.** Please try to follow the schedule you have signed up for.

**Also, if you get here after 6:00 PM to pick up your child/children, do not** expect a full report from the teacher because she might not be your child's teacher since most of the class teachers start arriving at 7:15 AM and by 4:30 PM some teachers have left. So please, if you need to speak to your child's teacher, call and set up an appointment to meet with them during break time. I understand you may not have the time during the day; but these teachers work very hard all day and they deserve to go home on time when their day ends.

**HOT! HOT! Summer** - It is getting hotter, but the children still need to go outside. We will use the best schedule possible to keep the children from being exposed to the heat and sun. They will still go outside but mostly during the morning hours to play. If they go outside after lunch, it is only for about 15 minutes to allow us to clean the classrooms before naptime. It is also a good idea if you send some sunscreen and bug repellent for your child that can be used during outdoor playtime.

**Awards and Pre K Graduation Night** - Graduation will be at TAMIU on Friday May 26, 2017 starting at 7:00 PM. More information will be sent to those parents. Caps and gowns have been ordered and they should be here in 2 weeks. Due to the limited size of the auditorium this event is **by invitation only**. We may be limited as to the amount of people we can invite.

**Awards** - K3, Kinder and 1st grade students will be presented with their awards at 6:30 PM followed by the graduation.

**Summer Camp** - We are offering a math and science summer camp for children ages Kinder - 6th grade. There will be 2 sessions. One in June and the other in July. Please contact the office if you are interested. If you know someone who has a child in that age group, send him or her our way.

**Thank you**

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