Dear Families,

We are off to a great start in the Busy Bee room! Thank you so much for your generous contributions of our supply items. We really appreciate your donations!

Our themes for the month are: *All About Me, Fall, and Apples.* These themes are flexible, and may evolve or change with the children's interests. The children are always welcome to share books that reflect our themes.

***Please bring in one family picture for your child to share and display in our classroom by Tuesday, September 6th.***

**Curriculum and Assessment**

A detailed curriculum outline is attached to give you a better idea of what our goals and objectives are for the Busy Bees. We use various forms of assessment, such as: work samples, dictation, photos, writing samples, etc. All of these samples are compiled into a portfolio and sent home at the end of the year. So, if you're wondering why some of your child's work hasn't gone home, it most likely went into their portfolio. We will also be formally assessing the children using a progress report and assessment tool, which will go home twice a year (October and May), followed by Zoom conferences.

**Letter of the Week**

We will begin our “Letter of the Week” program on September 12th. Each week we will introduce a new letter, its sound, and the Busy Bees will come up with words that begin with that letter. We will also do an Art project corresponding to the letter, and we will practice writing it.

**Number of the Week**

On Tuesdays, we will be working on the number of the week. This will be similar in format to “The Letter of the Week.” Math concepts, games, and manipulatives, are present in every day curriculum.
Journals
On Thursdays we do our letter journals - we practice writing the letter of the week and then the children draw a picture that begins with that letter. If your child does not attend on Thursdays, we will send their journal home so they can work on it there. You do not need to send them back.

Show and Tell
On Fridays (beginning 9/16) we will have “Show and Tell.” Please have your child bring in something that corresponds to the letter of the week. For example; Aa = stuffed alligator, a real apple, a picture of “My friend Allison”. You get the idea - just have fun with it!

The Star of the Week
We will begin introducing our “stars” on Monday, September 12th. The week before your child is to be the “star,” we will send home a questionnaire and a request for 3-5 special photos of your child with their family/friends. We will choose the “star” alphabetically. Your child will present their questionnaires and pictures to their classmates, and their photos will be displayed.

Gentle Reminders
- Please return the Parent Questionnaire and Discipline Policy ASAP
- No School - September 5th for Labor Day
- “Meet and Greet” – September 15th from 5:00-6:00 pm

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Heather and Lucia
# September Curriculum

**Language Arts**

* Thematic books - Apples, Families, Fall, All About Me
* Alphabet:  Aa, Bb, Cc
* Journaling
* Nursery Rhyme - Mary Had A Little Lamb
* Show and Tell

**Math**

* Numbers 0 - 2
* Shape - Circle
* Graphing
* AB Pattern
* Estimation
* Calendar Math

**Science**

* Investigating apples - types, inside, seeds
* Color - Red
* Weather
* Trees
* Farm animals
* Fall changes
* Nature items (sensory bin)

**Social Studies**

* Johnny Appleseed
* Families and friends
* All About Me
* Classroom Rules
* Jobs
* Star of the Week
Art and music
* Alphabet Song
* Phonics Song
* Month of the Year Song
* Nursery Rhyme - Mary Had A Little Lamb
* Self Portrait - line drawings
* Dot Art
* Painting
* Thematic songs and fingerplays

Health
* Nutrition
* Personal hygiene
* Outdoor play/large motor games/dance

Technology
* iPad (limit 10 minutes per student)
* Books on CD/Tape