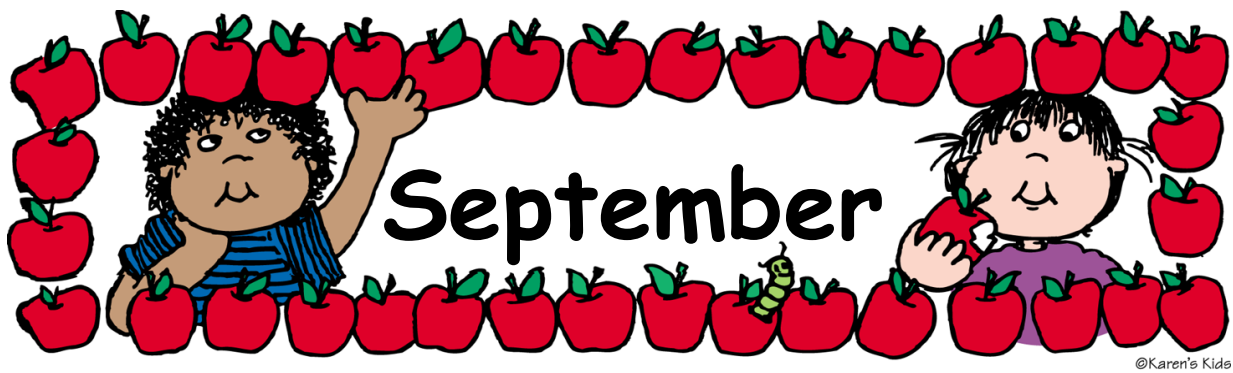




Dear Families,

We are off to a great start in the Busy Bee/Butterfly room! Our themes for the month are: **All About Me, Fall, and Apples**. Please send in a baby picture of your child by Monday, September 14th so that we can talk about them, and display them in the classroom. We will also be celebrating Johnny Appleseed's birthday on September 25th. Please have your child bring in their favorite type of apple that day. We will continue to discuss classroom rules and routines. Some of the things that we've been working on are: listening to directions, sitting quietly during rug time, raising our hands before speaking, using walking feet in the classroom, table manners, and putting toys away nicely. We have been working really hard, and are doing a great job! Please reinforce this at home too.

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 (November and May), followed by Zoom conferences.

Letter of the Week

We will begin our "Letter of the Week" program on September 14th. Every Monday we will introduce a new letter. We will learn its sound(s), and how to write the capital/lower case letter. We will read a book and listen to a song for each letter. Then, the Busy Bees will name words that begin with that letter, and we will do an Art project.

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 are present in every day curriculum through play, games and manipulatives, books, songs, and through calendar activities.

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. Journals will stay at school until the end of the year.

Basic Skills

We will be working on cutting, gluing, and spelling/writing our first names every day. Please practice these skills at home as well.

Gentle Reminders

If you have not already done so, please return the Parent Questionnaire and Discipline Policy ASAP

- ***No School - September 7th for Labor Day***
- ***Baby Pictures - September 14th***
- ***"Meet and Greet" - September 17th from 5-6 pm***
- ***Favorite Apples - September 25th***

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

Best,
Heather



September Curriculum



Language Arts

- * Thematic books - Apples, Johnny Appleseed, Fall, All About Me, School, Friends
- * Alphabet: Aa, Bb, Cc
- * Journaling
- * Songs/Fingerplays

Math

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

Science

- * Investigating apples - types, inside, seeds
- * Color - Red
- * Weather
- * Trees
- * Fall changes
- * Nature items
- * Sensory Table
- * Playdough

Social Studies

- * Johnny Appleseed
- * School and Friends
- * All About Me
- * Classroom Routine/Rules

Art and Music

- * Alphabet Song and Phonics Song
- * Month of the Year Song
- * Self Portrait - line drawings
- * Dot Art
- * Thematic songs and fingerplays

Health

- * Nutrition
- * Personal hygiene
- * Safety
- * Outdoor play/large motor games/dance

Technology

- * Books on CD/Tape, YouTube - Dance/Yoga or books

