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Classroom News

Pre-K

Gold Birds

Mrs. Bennett

It's hard to believe how fast the school year has gone by! I would like to thank all parents and grandparents who volunteered their time this year. Your efforts were greatly appreciated. The children enjoy the parties and other activities and are always very excited seeing their family members at these events.

The Gold Birds will celebrate their graduation ceremony on Monday May the 15th. This program is something we have been working towards since September and the children are looking forward to this special day. Please make sure to attend. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. are welcome too!

Finally I would like to thank all the parents for sharing their precious children with me this year. I've enjoyed watching them learn and grow and seeing the progress they have made. I love them all so very much and will miss them. Good luck in Kindergarten, Guys and Gals!

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Purple Birds

Mrs. Orin

I know you've all heard that old phrase "April Showers Bring May Flowers" but we really have had enough rain already. When we have soggy weather I keep the children active by having relay races, balancing on the balance beam and hopping through the hula hoops. I am amazed how much faster they can run now. Children need to use their

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School

Apple Seeds is a newsletter published for the parents of ATS students. We welcome your suggestions and comments.

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*Happy
Mother's Day*

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Director's Corner

Thanks to GREAT parents and GREAT children and GREAT friends of Apple Tree it has been another GREAT year at Apple Tree School. For those who are moving on to kindergarten - we will miss you - come back and see us. For those that will be returning, we are looking forward to another great year.

Thank you for trusting us with your child. We know that their Apple Tree experience will serve them well in life to come.

Have a fun and safe summer and we will see you at Summer Camp!!!

Carolyn McGee



Spring Program

**Wednesday May 17
11:00 AM**

Wear your ATS Tee Shirt!

Children will be released from their classrooms immediately following the program.

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large muscle groups so we won't let a little rain stop us. We've also been doing some midline activities during Circle time while singing some pretty silly songs. Some of the units we've been working on are: Creepy Crawlers "W" Worms, Easter/Spring, "Y" Yellow, "U" Umbrella, Book Worms, and Favorite Authors.

Please come to Open House. You will be able to see all the wonderful things your precious children have been working on. Lots of items will be displayed in the room. You are welcome to bring family and friends who may be interested in registering to attend A.T.S. next year. It's really a proud tradition at Apple Tree School.

May is time of celebrating all that your children have accomplished so please be sure to invite all your relatives to our Spring Program. The children will be performing many songs they have learned this year! It's been an awesome experiences with not only my students this year but also their Parents and Grandparents! Your children are so blessed to have so many wonderful role models in their lives! It will be very hard to say goodbye at the end of the year!

Dear Dads, the fish print is an early Father's Day gift since we won't be in school in June. One of my former families told me all four of their children have made fish prints in my class and they are proudly displayed at their Livingston Lake House. Learning about that really made my day.

Thanks to Brittany Moreno my Room Mother and the entire VIP Group and especially Ms. Bettye! You really spoiled me this year! Thanks to all the Purple Bird Families who took the Playdoh Challenge!

Purple Bird Rule!

Red Birds

Mrs. Barillas

Flowers are blooming all around, trees are getting new leaves, the grass is growing taller, and of course so are our beautiful Red Birds! They are absolutely in

full bloom. They have matured and grown in every way possible. This is the most important and rewarding aspect of being an educator. It is beautiful to see your children grow, not just physically, but mentally and socially as well. They will continue being a "work-in-progress", so parents please, keep providing new and different opportunities for them, so that in turn they can explore and extend their knowledge as well as develop their own "special" character and personality.

We enjoyed reciting some of our Nursery Rhymes during our unit, especially "Humpty Dumpty", and had fun gluing cracked egg shell pieces in between his cracked shell when he fell off the wall. We have certainly discovered the creepy crawlers that come out during Spring-time, and have discussed some of them, but by far, their favorite one is the caterpillar and especially after he turns out to be a beautiful butterfly in the end. One of their favorite books is "The Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle. The children could not believe how many things he ate, and how big he grew. And the fact that he built his own house was very surprising to them, especially when he came out of his house being a beautiful butterfly. We also discussed different things that happen in the Spring-time. "Why does it rain more in the Spring?" "What grows in the Spring?" "What makes flowers bloom, the grass to grow, and the trees to have new leaves?" We also talked about how some animals have their babies in the Spring. Then we discussed the Easter season - the real reason for celebrating Easter and of course, we could not forget our Easter bunny, with baskets, candy, colored eggs, and chocolate bunny rabbits. We had lots of fun discussing everything! Our Easter Egg Hunt was a great success. The children had a wonderful time gathering eggs and putting them in their baskets. They all had different colored eggs and among them was one shiny, glittery egg.

During the Book Worm unit the children chose a couple of books which they illustrated for our Open House. One of them is "Five Little Monkeys Sitting in a Tree" by Eileen Christelow. They have several favorite books, but the one that is still

rated as # 1 is "Chicka-Chicka, Boom-Boom by Bill Martin Jr., and "Down By the Bay" by Raffi.

I wanted to thank you for trusting me with your children and confiding in me as their teacher. I have really enjoyed them and their different personalities. A big "Thank You" goes to the Red Birds room mom, Geraldine, for being so kind in helping and volunteering throughout many of our different events and parent meetings!

Yellow Birds

Mrs. Lee

Our first unit was Creepy Crawlers in this unit the children learned about how caterpillars become butterflies. The children made cocoons from recycled materials and caterpillars with pom-poms. We took coffee filters and used liquid watercolors to make beautiful butterflies. With all the rain we got to see a lot of earthworms when we went on a nature walk around the school. The rain had perfect timing for our unit. Along our walk, we saw ladybugs, love bugs and other bugs. The children then made lady bugs.

We had a special visitor come see us. His name is Dr. Doug (the vet) and his assistant was Nurse Jackie with his cute dog Cindy Lou. He spoke to the children about the important jobs of a veterinarian then showed us some interesting items he uses in his office to treat the animals that come to him.

Easter/Spring was our next unit. The children made bunnies and Easter eggs using shaving crème. We learned the true meaning about Easter and that its not all about the eggs and bunnies and candy. We even made some crosses. While we were in chapel a special visitor came and left special treats for the children. Yes you guessed it the Easter bunny came and left eggs for the children to hunt this was so much fun. The children got to put their counting skills to work. The Easter bunny left a note saying how many eggs each kid got to get. A special thanks to everyone who donated eggs and candy for this special event for the kids and to those who stayed and helped with our snack. A special thanks to Grandma Betty for filling all the eggs for the Easter

bunny. The children made a duck that when you turn him over he became the Easter Bunny.

In our third unit Bookworm the children worked hard on projects to go along with some their favorite books we read this year getting ready for our Open House. As we come to the end of another school year I would like to say thank you for the opportunity to get to know your children and teach them this year. Continue to read to your children and ask them about the story. Always take time to ask them about their day.

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Blue Birds
Mrs. Lee

April was a fun filled month for us. Our first unit was Creepy Crawlers the boys enjoyed this because we had lots of bug toys in the room. We got to go on a nature walk to see what bugs we could find, there was lady bugs, caterpillars and butterflies. The children made butterflies out of coffee filters with bingo dabbers, caterpillars with pompoms and lady bugs. I chased the kids around the playground and sprayed a water bottle, this was exhausting for me but the kids had fun.

The next unit for April was Easter/Spring where we made shaving crème eggs and crosses using liquid water colors. We talked about the true meaning of Easter and it wasn't all about eggs, bunnies and candy. The letter was E. The children made special ducks that when you flip them over they become the Easter bunny.

In our next unit we worked hard on getting ready for Open House making crafts to go along with our favorite books we read throughout the year for the unit Book Worms. Oh my how this year has flown by. I would like to say thank you for the opportunity to teach your children this year, it has been a pleasure getting to know everyone. Keep on reading to your children and asking them questions about the story. Make sure to also ask them about their day.

Music

Mrs. Ford

We are having an awesome time in music class. I enjoy watching the kids sing and dance and they love to get up and move.

The kids have been practicing for the end of the school year program. The program is May 17, 2017, at 11:00am. Dismissal at 11:30. All students should wear their red Apple Tree School t-shirt.

There are only 2 chapels left of this year! Wow! I hope you will join us for chapel each Thursday morning to celebrate birthdays, sing songs, and to praise God. It is a great way to start the day.



This Little Light of Mine



This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (Repeat 2 times)

Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel – no! I'm gonna let it shine. (Repeat 2 times)

Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine.

Won't let Satan blow it out. I'm gonna let it shine. (Repeat 2 times)

Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine.



Activity Corner

Summer Activities 2017

ATS Summer Camp - ATS Offers 6 weeks of Summer Camps in June, July and August that provides lots of fun activities!

Picnic – At the park or in the backyard. Spend time reading, playing favorite games or just cooling off in the pool, sprinkler or blowing bubbles.

Local parks and playgrounds, including Sugar Land, Harris County, and Brazos Bend State Park. (Be careful of the alligators)



Cookbook

Mississippi Sand Cake

- 1 - 8 oz pkg cream cheese - soften
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 large bag vanilla wafers (crushed)
- 2 small boxes instant vanilla pudding
- 3 1/2 cups milk
- 1 - 12 oz carton Cool Whip
- 1—Plastic Beach Sand Bucket
- Candy Shells and/or Gummy Fish



Cream the cream cheese, butter and sugar together. In a separate bowl, mix the pudding and milk until thick. Fold the Cool Whip into the pudding mixture. Then fold in the cream cheese mixture.

Use a large plastic beach sand bucket. Start with crushed vanilla wafers (Save some for top), add pudding mixture. Finish with remaining crushed vanilla wafers. Add candy shells or gummy fish for decorations.

6 Different Weeks for 6 Different Camps

THEME AND DATES

San Antonio
June 13 - 15

Austin
June 20 - 22

Nacogdoches
July 11 - 13

Galveston
July 18 - 20

Fredericksburg
August 8 - 10

Houston
August 15 - 17

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tip of the Month

Library Card

Does your child have a Library card? No matter what their age, now is a great time to get one before summer starts. Then make the library a weekly trip with your child. What a great way to continue "reading" over the summer. Don't forget to let your child help you select their favorite book.



Come & Worship First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Sunday School classes are provided for ages two through adults. Infant care is available in the nursery.

Church Office 281-240-3195

**Register for the 2017 - 2018
School Year
Now!**

You must register to reserve your child's place at ATS.

Thanks For Coming To Apple Tree School!

It was a job well done!



**SAVE A LIFE!
Teach Your Child to Swim This Summer!**

Mark Your Calendar

Monday May 15 - KDO Last Day of School

Monday May 15 - Pre-K Ceremony (9:30 a.m. in Chapel—reception in classroom)

Tuesday May 16 - Summer Fun Day (No Lunch Bunch)

Wednesday May 17 - End of School Program 11:00 a.m. (Last Day Of School)

Remember to Register for the 2017-2018 School Year
Forms are available for both school and summer camp registration at...
www.AppleTreeSchoolOnline.com