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The Apple "Juice"

Notes From Amy!

May was a busy month! A big congratulations to our latest Apple Tree graduates! Their preschool graduation was on Thursday, May 20th. We really enjoyed teaching and watching your children grow and learn.

As a few families say goodbye, we hope you have a safe and fun summer. We also welcome many new families to our center and hope you enjoy the Apple Tree experience. The busy month of June will be upon us. We have many fun activities planned for your children. Please read the calendars that were sent home in your child's folder and that are posted in the classrooms.

I would also like to remind you to let us know if your child will be not attending Apple Tree on any given day. We do need to make adjustments in staff scheduling, so it is helpful to be aware of attendance.

Swimming lesson sign up sheets will be posted for July. It is first come first serve so please watch the front door for that posting. Please make checks payable to Apple Tree and fill out an enrollment form.

It is also important for your child's safety to sign them in and out each day. It is also important for you to make the connection with the staff that are with your child at the beginning and the end of the day. Communication is so important for a smooth transition for your child.

We are looking forward to a safe and great summer. *Amy Larsen, Director*

Teacher: Who is the
Speaker of the House?

Student: Daddy!

Riddle of the Month

 **Caterpillars**

May has come and gone and we are happy for the sunny days. This month we said goodbye to Gavin and Lily and hello to Emma, Kimberly and Ashlynn. Callan can crawl all over and loves to explore. Elise is trying to keep up and manages to move around. The rest of us are content to watch out the window, eat and sleep. See you next month.

Ms. Kay, Ms. Pam, Ms. Candi, Ms. Deb & Ms. Vera

 **Butterflies**

Wow, where does the time go? It is June already and we are so happy for this nice weather. We love watching all the kids outside our window on the playground. We also love to get out on walks. For those hot, sunny, windy days a hat or bonnet would be nice as we will try to get out as much as we can. We want to welcome Dylan, Callan, Benjamin, Avery, Elise and Joseph as our newest Butterflies! We have to say goodbye to Tessa, Kyrah, Maelyn and Darian as they fly off on their new adventure. Happy Father's day to all our wonderful Dads! P.S. please welcome Julie too, as our new afternoon teacher in the Butterfly room. Ms. Kassandra has new adventures and we wish her the best of luck.

Love, Ms. Jamie, Ms. Samantha, Ms. Tracey, Ms. Joyce & Ms. Julie

 **Monkeys**

Where did the month go? We have been so busy learning about so many different things. Since we had to so many birthdays this month we started off with making cone cake, which we loved. We had to discover what ice cream was. So we had it for a special snack. We got all sticky and painted with jelly for fruit week. We enjoyed wearing our sunglasses outside for the day. One of the main activities we did this month was Pajama day. We all had so much fun wearing our jammies and relaxing for the day. We got to go on one of our field trips to the Mall and hopefully we will get to go on plenty more. All of us are sad to say goodbye to our friend Rhain as she is now a Giraffe. Please remember to dress your kids according to the weather and to check their folders for important information.

Thank you, Monkey Teachers: Ms. Lacy, Ms. Paige and Ms. Kendra

 **Froggies**

The Froggies enjoyed the beautiful May weather by spending as much time outside as possible. The children love using the slide on our playground and driving all the cars. We've also enjoyed many stroller rides especially observing birds and flowers. And we even played with the parachute outside! Inside we've created many art projects by painting, gluing and coloring a variety of materials. Our fine motor skills are improving every day. We read endless stories and sang many, many songs, during circle time. Our two favorite books are "Silly Sally" by Audrey Wood and "Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do you Hear?" by Bill Martin Jr. and Eric Carle. We look forward to learning and growing so much more as we move into summer. Ms. Trista, Ms. Amy and Ms. Kayla



Giraffes

Hey Everybody! The Giraffes had a fabulous month of May. We recently have had quite a few move up to our room so we thought it would be a great time to learn more about colors and shapes. We would do a different shape or color everyday. They were so proud of themselves when they got it right! We also made all kinds of flowers in the month of May. Their favorite has probably the coffee filter flowers because they got to squirt it with water! We have been loving our outside time and can't wait to start our summer!

Ms. Autumn & Ms. Sara



Zebras

Welcome summer! The month of May felt like it came and went. We kept busy with baby farm animals, colors and shapes. We did art projects on sheep, ducks, pigs and horses for our animal week, it was a lot of fun. The children love animals! Then we went into colors and shapes. We stayed focused on primary colors like red, yellow and blue. It was lots of fun doing colors, markers, paint and tissue paper on those projects. When working on shapes they can get confusing at this age so I tried to pick some of the ones my class has a hard time on. We did the circle, oval, rectangle, square and heart. It was lots fun and it was a good refresher for the children. It was sad saying goodbye to Gabriel, he moved to the Northside Apple Tree. He will be missed. We're looking forward to June with all of the other fun activities to come.

Ms. Courtney, Ms. Rhonda & Ms. Ashley



Lions

May was a busy month in the Lion room. The Lions had great fun making a very special card to give to their Moms for Mother's Day. On May 10th a professional storyteller was here. The children listened with interest to his story about once being a baker in a bakery and now being a storyteller. They especially loved the cookie he gave them at the end of this story. We all enjoyed a special morning playing at the Fort at the Mall on the 28th. The Lions also finished their number unit this month and took their completed number book home. We celebrated Turner and Raegan's birthdays in May. Thank you to Carrie Wilcoxon for paint supplies. We have made good use of them.

Ms. Pat & Ms. Molli



Tigers

Hello from the Tiger room. How fast the month's fly by. It's hard to believe that summer is almost here. For the last few weeks it's felt like summer was already here!!!! The birthday for the month of May was William. We hope that you had a good 4th birthday. We had to say goodbye to a few of our kids for the summer. We hope you have a great summer Mia, Bella and Connor. We also had to say goodbye to our friend Kealey who went to be a Kangaroo. We miss you a lot. New to the room is Maxx and Steven! Theme's for the month of May were the Numbers 5 through 12. We finished our numbers and are working to put the book's together. We were rained out of our picnic at Sertoma Park but we enjoyed our picnic meal in our room. We did go to play at the Fort in the Mall and the children really loved that. We also had our movie day with the Lions.

Ms. Janene & Ms. Kim



Kangaroos

The Kangaroos celebrated Spring during the month of May. We started the month out with finishing up the alphabet. We had an x-ray day, yellow day and kicked back and released (catching some zzz's) with a movie day. Happy Bear came to visit and talked about touch. We continue to learn what is appropriate. We use our words and let people know how we are feeling and what we need. The storyteller came and told us a wonderful story about how the bakery makes all kinds of yummy treats. Then we got to have a cookie! Southdale Nursery came to show us how to plant flowers and all the different kinds of them. We got to plant our very own flowers and it was so fun. We look forward to a busy and fun summer.

Ms. Laurie & Ms. Deanna



Panda Bears

The big day - the G-Day (Graduation) - has come and gone and the classes did a fantastic job. It's always such an emotional day, so much to do, will the kids behave. And then when it's over I think how proud of them I am and for some of them it was their last day. And I am always sad to see them go, but happy at what they've become. The next day we celebrated with a well-deserved stress free day at Sertoma Park! But just because we graduated, that does not mean the learning stops; oh no not at Apple Tree! The next week we learned what was "Inside the Human Body" and a big thank you goes out to Marci Pinkerton for bringing in x-rays! The children were captivated and each of them brought home an x-ray! We also modified the "Head & Shoulders" song to a skelton version and made chalk bodies with bones and organs! Now bring on the summer!

Ms. Kayla & Ms. Michelle



Apple Corps Jr.

The Juniors really enjoyed their busy month of May. It's hard to believe it's already summer! During May, the Juniors experienced preschool graduation, field trips, Happy Bear, an Ambulance visit and a Storyteller from WI. Most important, preschool graduation went very well. They performed great for their parents during their graduation program. We sang "Tap, Tap, Twirl and Twist", "What a Wonderful World", "Days of the Week" in Spanish and "All You Need is Love". Other field trips we took included: Barnes and Noble story hour and Sertoma Park with a sack lunch. Over the summer continue to review letters, numbers, etc. A little over 2.5 months till those wonderful Juniors go to Kindergarten! Hats off to the Juniors and we wish them a wonderful summer break!

Ms. Michele, Ms. Ann & Mr. James



Apple Corps

Apple Corps is very glad that summer is finally here! We have already begun creating summer art such as suns and rainbows. We soon will be having Stars of the Week in the Apple Corps room this summer. Please read or stop by and see our "Apple Corps Super Stars" bulletin board in our classroom window. Also, please check the June Calendar for daily events/field trips. Also if your child has not brought in a notebook yet for our daily journaling, please do so at this time. Have a great summer and stay cool!

Ms. Michele, Ms. Ann & Mr. James
