



# Classroom Updates

The **Awesome Owls** have been enjoying the ABC countdown and getting ready for graduation. A special thank you to our families for all the support this year. We want to wish everyone a healthy and safe summer. See you in the Fall.



**Busy Bees:** Wow, this year has buzzed by in the hive! We have learned all about recycling, season changes, planting/gardening and butterfly life cycle and so much more! The Busy Bees have done such a great job following the school expectations of being safe, respectful, responsible and kind. In the upcoming weeks we will be preparing for our graduation and moving up ceremony, as well as reviewing our letters, numbers and academic concepts. We are looking forward to seeing all of our Busy Bees' families at Family Fun Day. We can't wait for summer and all of the fun it will bring! -Ms. Jen, Ms. Crystal & Ms. Jolie

The **Little Bears** are having so much fun with all of the special activities the ABC Countdown brings. Many of our Little Bears are getting ready to outgrow our little classroom cave! Over the month of June these little ones will be working hard to learn movements to our favorite songs to show you at Family Fun Day on June 19th. July and August will bring water play where we will get to cool off in the water. Notes will be coming home at the beginning of July with a list of items each child needs to bring to participate in water play. The move from Little Bears to a preschool classroom like Shooting Stars can be a big one. Please don't hesitate to ask staff any questions you may have regarding the transition.



The school year is coming to a close and the **Mighty Maples** have already started preparing for graduation! We can't wait for you to see what we've been working on! We have enjoyed exploring the outdoors and learning about insects, trees and springtime. We've also watched our classroom caterpillars turn into butterflies! The ABC countdown is in full swing and we've enjoyed making cookies, experimenting and riding on a big school bus to name a few. Please make sure to check your child's backpack, notebook and Seesaw for important updates as the school year comes to an end! -The Mighty Maples Team

In the **Pumpkin Patch** classroom, we're working on our ABC countdown and winding down the school year. We're exploring each letter through a variety of crafts, projects, sensory activities, or cooking groups. For graduation, we are planning to do a pirate theme with treasure and a big ship. Then we will get ready for summer school, where we will work on sharing and play skills as well as some adaptive daily living skills like changing into swimsuits and using a towel. We had such an awesome year and are excited for summer :)



The **Shooting Stars** are very busy enjoying the activities in the ABC countdown. The children are doing great with handwriting and cutting activities. They love to explore new foods and activities with their friends. We tried Eclairs for "Ee" day and did a color mixing science "experiment" with carnation flowers. We have many fun activities planned for the remainder of the school year. Please check the daily lesson plan that will be coming home each night for the next day's activities. We encourage you to bring lawn chairs to family fun day so that you can have a seat for our graduation fun. It should be a wonderful day and we can't wait to see you all there. Also, we will be archiving the See Saw app at the end of the year. If you are interested in printing yourself a copy of your child's portfolio, please keep an eye out for directions to be sent home shortly. If your child will be attending summer program, we will begin our new classroom See Saw App in the summer. Thanks for all of your support this year. We really enjoyed working with your child. The Shooting Stars!

Happy Spring Frog Families! The **Speckled Frogs** have been busy at work learning about the life cycle of Butterflies, watching our very own caterpillars grow. Next, we will venture into the ABC countdown (a calendar has been sent home) where we will be engaging in different activities each day. This countdown will get us ready for the end of the school year and summer. We are also continuing our Friendship Fridays. We hope to fill our "Good Friend" jar with lots of slips so that we can earn our ice cream party... we are half way there! We have lots of birthdays coming up this May and June. Happy Birthday to Leo, Joe, Vivienne, Ms. Aubrey, Aria, and Ariel. Thank you for your continued support in the classroom. The Speckled Frog Team!





The warmer weather has finally arrived, and we are looking forward to summer! We will continue going out on the playground (weather permitting) from 4:00-5:15, as long as the “feels like” temperature is below 90 degrees. Remember to look for the sign posted on the far door closest to the Speckled Frogs classroom to help you know if we are on the playground.

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*** Our staff are able to apply sunscreen in the afternoons **ONLY DURING** AFTERCARE, so it will be your responsibility to apply sunscreen in the morning before your child comes to school. We will be sending home consent forms, so if you wish for your child to have sunscreen applied during after care, you must complete the form and supply a bottle of sunscreen labeled with your child’s name. If you have any specific questions, please see an administrator.



## Counselor's Corner

We cannot believe the end of the school year is near! Some of our kiddos are readying for the exciting transition to Kindergarten. To help prepare you and your child, here are some tips:

- **Help your child build independence, with emphasis on self-help skills.** Encourage your child to hang up their own coat, wipe their runny nose with a tissue, open their own food containers, etc.
- **Acknowledge their feelings.** Not every child will be excited right away about Kindergarten and some will be very excited. If your child is feeling nervous, acknowledge their feelings. Help them enjoy the summer by being focused on and mindful about the fun summer activities. It is ok to wait until late summer to bring up Kindergarten again.
- **Read aloud to your child.** Have them use a library card so they can check out books. It will teach them responsibility, increase bonding time with your child, and help them develop literacy skills. Talk about the book and ask your child questions about the story. There are also many books about the transition to Kindergarten. Here are a few suggestions:

- *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten*, Joseph Slate (Illustrated by Ashley Wolff)
- *Seven Little Mice Go to School*, Kazuo Iwamura
- *Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes*, Eric Litwin (Illustrated by James Dean)
- *Mom, It's My First Day of Kindergarten*, Hyewon Yum
- *Yoko Learns to Read*, Rosemary Wells



©Baby Blues Partnership