Honey Bears Newsletter September 2025

We our so excited for a new school year and to meet our new students.

Themes

Welcome to Honey Bears Apples

<u>Signs</u> Welcome Apple

Books

It's Okay To Be Different All Our Welcome 10 Apples on Top Apples

Reminders

- 1. Students must have 2 complete changes of clothes (shorts or pants, shirts, underwear, and socks) in their locker.
- 2. Please label everything!
- 3. Sneakers are to be worn everyday.
- 4. Please download and read the Welcome Packet.
- 5. If your child is absent for the day, please let us know through email or phone call. If someone other than a parent is picking up, please inform us.
- 6. Please bring ID everyday.
- 7. Before your child enters the classroom in the morning, please make sure they use the bathroom. The bathrooms are before you get to the classrooms.
- 8. Make sure your child has an ice pack in their lunch box.

Skills the Honey Bears Are Working On

- Identifying their name and spelling their name.
- Testing the children on the basics- letter, number, and shape recognition.

Overview of what we work on throughout the school year

Literacy- We do a letter a week. We learn the beginning sounds of the letter and words that begin with the letter. We will be identifying the letter through daily news written on the board. What happens in the beginning, middle, and end of a story. Correct way to read and write- left to right, top to bottom. Rhyming and positional words. Sequence stories (and much more) **Math-** Counting to 20, identifying numbers 1-20, shapes- identification and how to draw a shape, sorting, simple patterns, time- hour and half hour,

simple addition, greater and least, graphing, counting counters and identifying the correct number (and much more).

Other Skills- tracing their name and the letter and number of the week, pencil grip, self help skills, science, social studies (and much more)

<u>Milestones Your Child Should Be At When Entering Honey Bears (Age 3)</u>

Social/Emotional Milestones

- Calms down within 10 minutes after you leave her/him, like at a childcare drop off.
- Notices other children and joins them to play.

Milestones Your Child Should Be At When Turning 4 (Learning throughout the School Year)

Social/Emotional Milestones

- Pretends to be something else during play (teacher, superhero, dog).
- Asks to go play with children if none are around, like "Can I play with Alex?"
- Comfort others who are hurt or sad like hugging a crying friend.
- Avoids danger, like not jumping from tall heights at the playground.
- Likes to be a "helper"
- Changes behavior based on where she is (place of worship, library, playground).

https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/milestones-3yr.html

Roman- 14th Katelyn- 15th Will- 19th Bey- 30th

Special Days / Events

9/1 - Center Closed! Happy Labor Day!

9/2 - 1st Day of Preschool! Move to New Rooms!

- First Day of Copper Beech

9/4 - NO Hot Lunch

- Soccer Shots @9:50
- 9/9 Teddy Bear Day
- 9/15 National Child Passenger Safety Week
- 9/16 Bring a Book to School Day
- 9/19 International Peace Day
- 9/22 First Day of Autumn
- 9/26 Johnny Appleseed Day

Center-Wide News

Welcome to the start of our **2025-26 school year**! We hope everyone had a great summer and are looking forward to cooler temperatures and the rest of the fun that the fall season brings. The **September Calendar of Events** is posted on the website as well as on the classroom doors.

Specific classroom information and our **Family Handbook** is available on our **website** in the Programs Tab https://daycarecentersinc.com/programs/. Click on your child's classroom name, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on **Welcome Pack** and **Family Handbook**.

Every child **must have had breakfast/first bottle before** coming to care.

Every child must have a **yearly physical form** with all shots up to date. If we do not have a current, up-to-date physical on file for your child **PLEASE get this done immediately**. **These PHYSICAL FORMS are DUE EVERY YEAR!** We are in our State Inspection window. Without a current physical we must deny services.

Lunch Orders: There is **NO Thursday lunch** scheduled for the first week of school. (9/4) If you do order lunches, please *remember to provide a drink for the meal.*

*Teachers talk with children during lunch about the **nutritious value of the foods they are eating**, encouraging them to eat foods from all food groups. Please make sure you are providing items from all food groups in their lunches.

*If there is **perishable food** in your child's lunch please label it and we will place it in the refrigerator. Please use **ice packs** in lunchboxes as well.

Safety:

- *As with the start of every new school year, we ask for your cooperation with providing proper identification when picking up your child. Since family members are permitted to enter the building, keep your child close to you and be aware of other cars in the parking lot. Speed limit in the parking lot is 5 MPH. Children may not wander the hallways/stairwells without a parent in sight.
- *Entrance/Exit Door our main entrance and exit is the back door off of the playground. This is the only door families may enter or exit the building. All doors to the building are kept locked at all times. The back door is manned from 7:30-9:00 AM and from 3:30-5:30 PM daily.
- *Families must arrive before 9:00 AM and after 3:30 PM to pick up their children. Please try to make appointments during the times the door is manned. If not possible and you need to pick up or drop off during the times the door is not manned, you will need to call the center at 215-572-0862 x202 except on Wednesdays, x200 or 204. It may take a while for us to get to the door, so please be patient.
- *ID Required to pick up a child. We have 2 people to man the door in the afternoon. They may not know everyone so please have your ID ready and tell them your name, who you are picking up, and what room they are in.

*If anyone other than the normal, everyday pick-up person (even if they are an emergency contact person) needs to pick up your child, you must complete a yellow release form and leave it at the backdoor desk.

*All **Children MUST wear socks and closed shoes** (sneakers) to protect their feet while participating in large motor play both inside and outside.

We hope everyone is excited for our new school!

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Please contact the main office if you have any questions. Also remember to like us on $\underline{\sf Facebook}$:)