## The Acorn- A School for Young Children

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Dear Parents,

We are excited to start another school year. We will be having a special parent-child orientation on **Tuesday**, **August 29**<sup>st</sup> **from 10-10:45**. This will be an opportunity for parents and children to tour the classroom together, explore the playground and meet your child's teachers. Your child's <u>first day of school will be **Tuesday**, **September 5**<sup>th</sup>, <u>when the children come for only two hours</u> **from 8:40 to 10: 40.** Your child's <u>second day of school</u>, <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>September 6</u><sup>th</sup>, <u>we will begin the regular class times: 8:40 - 11:30</u>. Our schedule is for specials (Music and Spanish) and lunch bunch, for those registered, to begin the second week of school.</u>

The Five-Day Classroom will be using our upstairs classroom in the new wing, and your child's Head Teacher is Lisa Turpin. This is Lisa's 12th year teaching at The Acorn, having taught 6 years in kindergarten and previously in the Red Apple, Blue Star, and Blue Bear classes. She holds her Master's Degree in Special Education from Texas State University and is well versed in Child Development. She also has studied Art and Anthropology and worked for a time at the Witte Museum in their education department, as well as a field archaeologist for several years. She has a gentle, positive personality which is so encouraging to her students. She shares her vast areas of interest with the children, piquing their curiosity about the world around them and creating a high-level classroom environment. Her excitement for science, culture, and nature is infectious and we are thrilled to have her back in the Blue Stars! Her son, Bjorn, an Acorn graduate, is in tenth grade at Alamo Heights High School. We know you will enjoy getting to know her!

During your child's home visit, we would like you to provide **one** change of clothing for your child, which we will keep here all year, just in case we need it. Please include underwear, socks, a shirt, and pants, and put them inside a zip-lock bag with your child's name clearly marked on it. If your child ever needs these clothes and wears them home, <u>please return them the next day</u> to replenish their bag.

Many thanks: we do appreciate your support. We are really looking forward to classes beginning on September 5<sup>th</sup>. We all cannot wait to get started on a new school year! Enjoy the rest of the summer, and we'll see you soon!

Wendy and Rich