

The Acorn – A School for Young Children
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Five-Year-Old Monday through Friday PM Class: The Blue Jays

Dear Parents,

We are excited to start another school year. We will be having a special parent-child orientation on **Tuesday, August 29th from 11-11:45**. This will be an opportunity for parents and children to tour the classroom together, explore the playground and meet your child's teachers and classmates. Your child's first day of school will be Tuesday, September 5th, when the children come for only two hours from 12:40 to 2:40. Your child's second day of school, Wednesday, September 6th, we will begin the regular class times: 12:40 - 3:30. Our schedule is for specials (Music and Spanish) and lunch bunch, for those registered, to begin the second week of school.

The Five-Year-Old Class will be using our upstairs classroom in the new wing, and your child's Head Teacher is Pamela Johnson. Pamela is a long-time friend of The Acorn as this is her 18th year here. Her Acorn journey began in 1983 and she came back as her life allowed. She also taught music and swimming in her spare time. Pamela is a teacher extraordinaire with a vast knowledge of child development. She has an associate degree in child development and a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. Pamela holds teacher certifications in Elementary Education and Music Education. She loves music and will add a lyrical element to the classroom. She has two grown children who attended The Acorn. Kyla is a nurse working in pediatric home care and Travis is a Registered Dental Hygienist. We are happy to have you meet her on your home visit; we know you will enjoy getting to know her.

Pamela will introduce you to your child's second teacher and her sister, Stephanie Valadez, in the first newsletter. You will get to meet her at orientation!

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, please return them the next day to replenish their bag.

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

Wendy and Rich