

**The Acorn - A School for Young Children**  
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**Kindergarten**

Dear Parents,

We are excited to start another school year. We will be having a special parent-child orientation on **Wednesday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>, when the children come for only two and a half hours from 8:40 to 11:10. Your child's second day of school, Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, we will begin the regular class times: 8:40 - 12. **Kindergarten will be dropped off at the south entrance to the building but will be picked up at our main playground. When dropping off, please avoid backing up to Broadway. If there are several cars in front of you, please circle through and return.**

Beginning the second week of school (September 12<sup>th</sup>) and for the rest of the first semester, class will begin at 8:40 and end on Monday, Thursday, and Friday at 12:00, while on Tuesday and Wednesday it will extend until 2:00, and the children will bring a lunch. Starting the last week in January and throughout the rest of the second semester, Thursday will be added as a longer day, with dismissal at 2:00. (Please note that the dismissal time on the short days is staggered from the preschool dismissal time of 11:30 to help ease the traffic flow through the driveway.) Our schedule is for specials (Music, Spanish, and Art) to begin the week of September 12<sup>th</sup> as well.

The Kindergarten Class will be using our downstairs Kindergarten wing, and your child's Head Teacher is Lisa Turpin. This is Lisa's 11th year teaching at The Acorn, having taught three 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, perking 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 at The Acorn! Her son, Bjorn, an Acorn graduate, is in ninth grade at Alamo Heights High School. We know you will enjoy getting to know her!

Lisa will introduce your child's other teachers, Leslie McCrary and Malaika Sapper, in the first newsletter. You will get to meet them at orientation day!

During your child's orientation, we would like for 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 September 6<sup>th</sup>. 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