



# *Mrs. Utschig and Mrs. Arace's September Newsletter*

The first month of school is here! Your children will be busy little beavers getting acquainted with each other and the classroom rules and routines.

This month we will be working on an "apple theme." The children will create mosaic apples, apple trees and many more apple projects. They will find the magic surprise in every apple and they will also participate in an apple taste test! The children will learn to graph when they display their favorite choice of apple. We will be learning many new apple songs and poems.

The students will also be introduced to the topic of "manners." We will discuss manners in and out of the classroom, and read many books on this topic. The children will be sure to implement this new information in their daily routines.

The "magic letter bag" will arrive in 4U this month. The students will be able to contribute many "A" words after using it. They will practice writing the letter "A" in their new writing books. We will introduce the letter file folder in a few weeks. The file folder is an excellent learning tool, because the children can learn to differentiate uppercase and lowercase letters, practice their writing skills, and make an art project that integrates the letter of the week. We also include an ABC animal with a science fact in this file folder.

The class will have their first social studies lesson this month when they learn about Johnny Applesseed (John Chapman). Ask them what they know about this historical figure after they have worked on projects pertaining to him in the classroom. Religion lessons will also be introduced this month.

Your child will learn the "Days of the Week Song" - you may recognize this tune! They also will begin singing the Morning Prayer and say the Pledge of Allegiance every day. The children will learn to complete the calendar and the weather chart, too! We are all looking forward to the first month of our educational journey, together!

