



September 9, 2009

Dear Parents,

Welcome! We are thrilled you have chosen the Berry Patch and strongly believe your experience will be one of great enrichment for your child and you as parents. I think of our program as an extension of family with teachers and parents working side by side, as a team, to make these early years the best they can be for each child individually! The environment we have created allows your child to begin the journey of becoming a life long learner. It is with great joy we begin our 26<sup>th</sup> school year!

Please become familiar with our handbook in this packet which includes our school calendar and policies.

Each month we will offer added enrichment through weekly Music Classes, monthly Spanish Classes and Field Trips – some off site and others on sight. Please sign and return the Field Trip Permission Slip which lists the entire school year of activities. Field Trip fees will be added to your monthly statement. Join us as we visit Deardorff Apple Orchard September 23 & 24. This would be a fun family outing!

C.S.O. (Children Serving Others), our monthly Outreach Program, will provide your child with an opportunity to think of the needs of others. It will be different each month. In September we will collect school supplies which will be given to inner city schools and organizations. You may place crayons, pencils, markers, pens, paper, scissors & glue in the marked buckets in the hall. Thank you ahead for brightening up the lives of others!

Monthly values will become the foundation of life lessons for our young learners. We begin with **Friendship**. These peers will be their introduction to the world of friendships and the beginning of relationships which may last a life time if built on a strong foundation. The children will be introduced to a new theme each month beginning with **Round Up** for September.

Lunch Bunch will begin the first day of school. We have a monthly staff meeting which is held the second Monday of each month. School ends at noon on those Mondays. PM Playmates and Afternoon Adventures begin in October.

It is in the spirit of the Berry Patch that we ask the children to be kind and respectful of their friends at school. Please join us in encouraging this at home and in your neighborhood. A wonderful year has been planned by a loving and creative staff. We welcome you into our program! May it be a special year with many blessings for you and your child.

With Love,

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Check our website: [www.BerryPatchSchool.com](http://www.BerryPatchSchool.com) for updated information.