

Good Samaritan  
September 2020 News



Welcome children! We're glad you're here.  
We're going to have a wonderful year!  
We'll draw and we'll write; we'll sing and we'll play.  
We'll paint and we'll build, and learn new things each day!

Welcome Back

Welcome everyone to the new school year. We are all very excited to be here with your child. Things may look a little different, but our love for the children and for teaching remain constant. The teacher and staff look forward to an amazing year. If you have any question about your child's class placement this year or anything else, you'd like to discuss please let us know.

COVID Update

First off, we want to thank everyone for being diligent about following our new school policies, we appreciate everything that you all are doing to keep all our children, families, and staff safe. As we head into flu season please remember that any child having any flu symptoms must stay home from school and must be symptom free for 48 hrs. If you are feeling any of those symptoms as well, we ask you to please keep your child home. Thank you for your cooperation. With your help and support we will get through this.

Air Quality Index

During these smoky days, we have a difficult decision. Open windows, as recommended by CDC to reduce the spread of Covid-19, or close the windows to keep the smoke out? Be advised, we always check the AQI (Air Quality Index) at [airnow.gov](http://airnow.gov) each time we let the children play outside or open the windows. An AQI of 90 or below is safe, and above 90 can be dangerous for sensitive groups (i.e. young children's lungs). Often the AQI worsens as the day goes by, so we can let them outside in the morning, but they have to stay indoors in the afternoon. That is no fun for kids or their teachers, but safety always comes first!

Back to School Night

Back to school night will be will be all virtual this year. Each teacher will record a video. This will entail a tour of the classroom, and what you can expect during the school year. If you have any question for the teachers, they will be available through email or you can set up a time for a virtual discussion.

### New Rates

A quick reminder that the new rates start this month, your bill will look a little different. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you again for all your support.

### Dates to remember

September 7<sup>th</sup> School closed for Labor Day

September 9<sup>th</sup> Virtual Back to School Night

### Teddy News

Dear parents,  
We want to welcome you and your child to the Teddy Bear room. This school year will be filled with lots of fun, play base learning. We will be making a family and friend tree for our classroom. Please bring in a family picture for a place on our tree.

During the month of September, we will introduce fall colors, changes in the weather, and new fun songs to sing.

Please always make sure your child's belongings are labeled so we do not get items mixed up. Thank you and we look forward to a wonderful year.

Ms. Co, Ms. Maria

### Flower News

Hello Parents, and welcome to the Flower Room! August has flown past us, and summer has moved along. We start off the August with welcoming the new school year, and the kids have gotten off to a smooth start. We talked about ourselves and our families, and we learned our letters A and B. For the month of September, we have many fun activities planned. We will be introducing and learning about The Fall/Autumn Season; we will be observing how our weather changes and how the beautiful leaves change color. Other subjects: Things That Go, Food Pyramid/Nutrition, Health and Safety. We will examine our feelings and emotions and learn the letters CDEFG. You will hear your child singing their alphabet and counting their numbers and so much more. If you should have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to talk to me. I am looking forward to a school year filled with learning and lots of laughter.

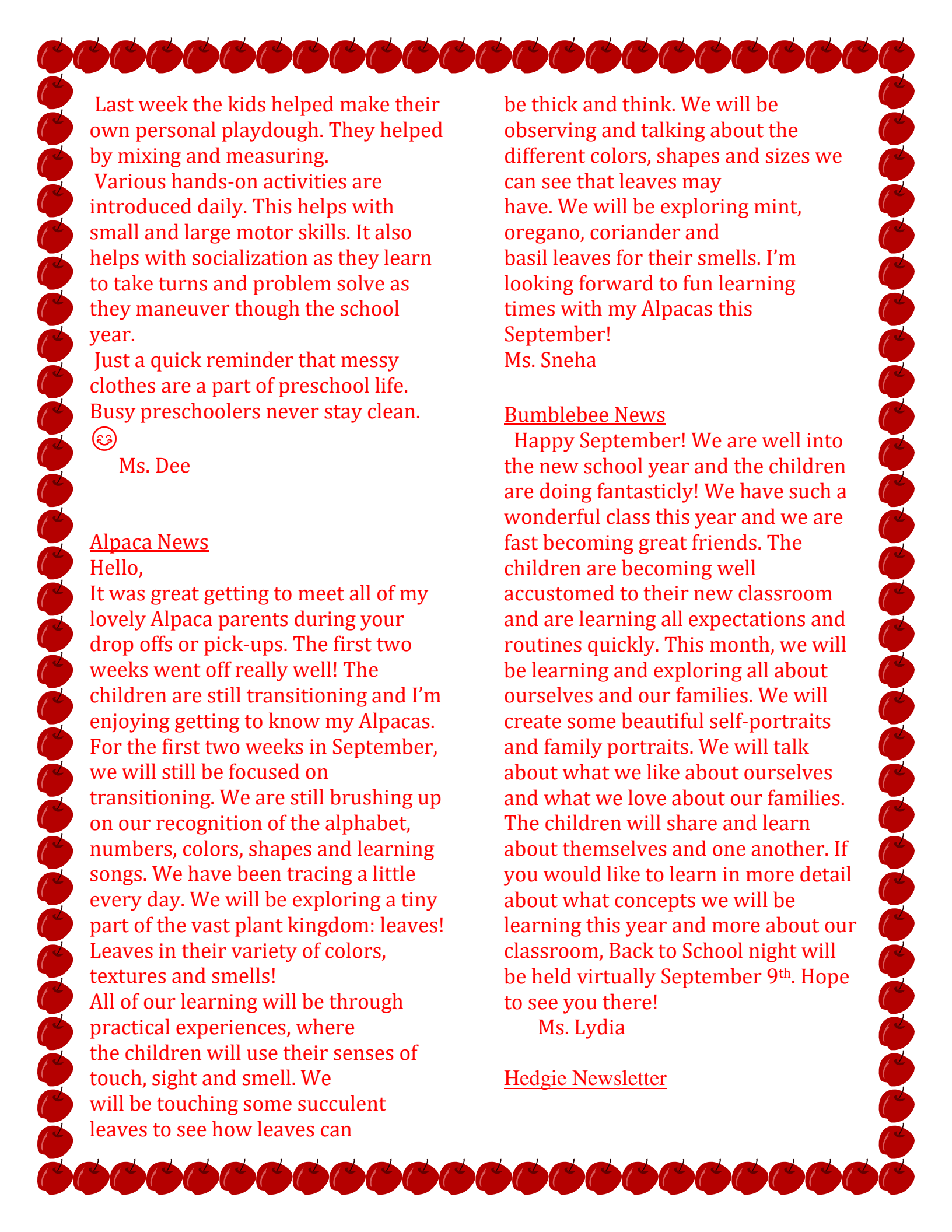
Ms. Lyn

### Rainbow News

\_Hello Rainbow families,

I think the children are all settled into their new classroom and are becoming familiar with their new routine.

This month we continue learning the letters of the alphabet, starting with C, D, E, and F. We will also do art activities related to our letters; this also helps build letter recognition.



Last week the kids helped make their own personal playdough. They helped by mixing and measuring.

Various hands-on activities are introduced daily. This helps with small and large motor skills. It also helps with socialization as they learn to take turns and problem solve as they maneuver through the school year.

Just a quick reminder that messy clothes are a part of preschool life. Busy preschoolers never stay clean.



Ms. Dee

### Alpaca News

Hello,

It was great getting to meet all of my lovely Alpaca parents during your drop offs or pick-ups. The first two weeks went off really well! The children are still transitioning and I'm enjoying getting to know my Alpacas. For the first two weeks in September, we will still be focused on transitioning. We are still brushing up on our recognition of the alphabet, numbers, colors, shapes and learning songs. We have been tracing a little every day. We will be exploring a tiny part of the vast plant kingdom: leaves! Leaves in their variety of colors, textures and smells!

All of our learning will be through practical experiences, where the children will use their senses of touch, sight and smell. We will be touching some succulent leaves to see how leaves can

be thick and think. We will be observing and talking about the different colors, shapes and sizes we can see that leaves may have. We will be exploring mint, oregano, coriander and basil leaves for their smells. I'm looking forward to fun learning times with my Alpacas this September!

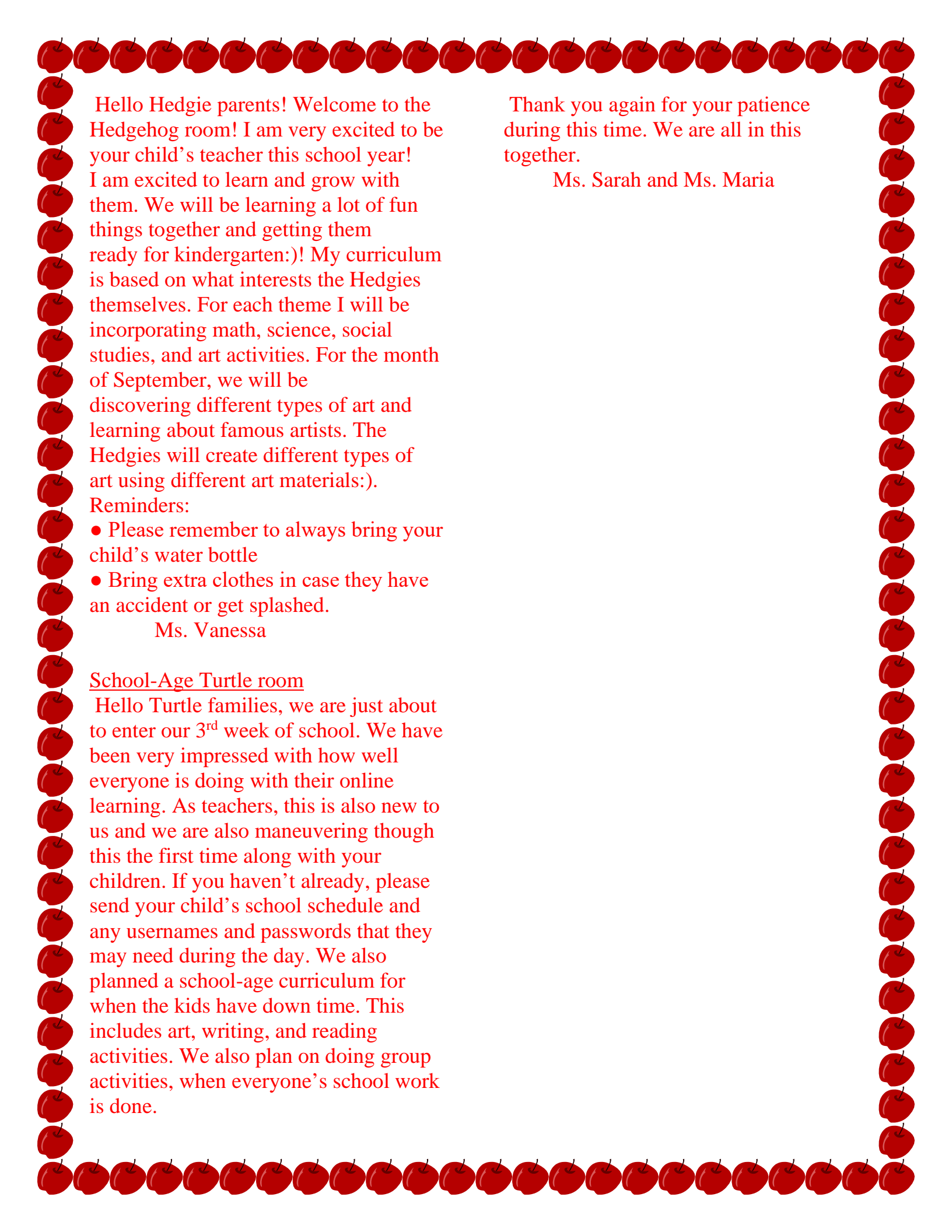
Ms. Sneha

### Bumblebee News

Happy September! We are well into the new school year and the children are doing fantastically! We have such a wonderful class this year and we are fast becoming great friends. The children are becoming well accustomed to their new classroom and are learning all expectations and routines quickly. This month, we will be learning and exploring all about ourselves and our families. We will create some beautiful self-portraits and family portraits. We will talk about what we like about ourselves and what we love about our families. The children will share and learn about themselves and one another. If you would like to learn in more detail about what concepts we will be learning this year and more about our classroom, Back to School night will be held virtually September 9<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!

Ms. Lydia

### Hedgie Newsletter



Hello Hedgegie parents! Welcome to the Hedgehog room! I am very excited to be your child's teacher this school year! I am excited to learn and grow with them. We will be learning a lot of fun things together and getting them ready for kindergarten:~)! My curriculum is based on what interests the Hedgegies themselves. For each theme I will be incorporating math, science, social studies, and art activities. For the month of September, we will be discovering different types of art and learning about famous artists. The Hedgegies will create different types of art using different art materials:~).

Reminders:

- Please remember to always bring your child's water bottle
- Bring extra clothes in case they have an accident or get splashed.

Ms. Vanessa

### School-Age Turtle room

Hello Turtle families, we are just about to enter our 3<sup>rd</sup> week of school. We have been very impressed with how well everyone is doing with their online learning. As teachers, this is also new to us and we are also maneuvering though this the first time along with your children. If you haven't already, please send your child's school schedule and any usernames and passwords that they may need during the day. We also planned a school-age curriculum for when the kids have down time. This includes art, writing, and reading activities. We also plan on doing group activities, when everyone's school work is done.

Thank you again for your patience during this time. We are all in this together.

Ms. Sarah and Ms. Maria