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Apple Creek Private Preschool Celebrates Their First Year in Frisco

By Beth Robinson

APPLE CREEK PRIVATE PRESCHOOL opened its doors last May offering one month of summer preschool and several weeklong summer enrichment camps. This May, the one-of-a-kind private school has just fewer than 200 preschool children enrolled in what parents are calling the best kindergarten preparatory school in town.

Executive director and owner, Tammie L. Williams, is credited with expanding this concept into Frisco after her success with the Allen Apple Creek Private Preschool, which she opened in 2000. "We are a specialized private preschool in that we are neither a mother's day out church program nor a preschool within a child care center offering extended care," states Williams. "Our market is the stay-at-home parent who wants to expose their child to an

exceptional academic program and social experience."

In fact, the Allen Apple Creek Private Preschool has earned the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation and holds a Four Star-level through the Texas Rising Star program. In addition, the North Central Texas WorkForce Development Board awarded the Allen Apple Creek Private Preschool the 2003 Child Care Provider of the Year designation. The Allen location is also a "lab school" for the Collin County Community College early childhood program. This opportunity provides a hands-on teaching observation opportunity for students in the college program.

The Frisco location is a 6,000 square foot facility with six classrooms,

twelve teachers and offers a half-day academic preschool program in the morning or afternoon for children ages two through five years. Next fall they will offer a half-day afternoon kindergarten program. Highly trained teachers engage the children in hands-on learning through programs offered two or three days a week for younger children. Older four-year-olds are offered a pre-kindergarten program five days a week.

Apple Creek Private Preschool is committed to educating young children in a positive and nurturing environment. Their goal is to provide opportunities for growth in social, academic, physical and creative areas by meeting each child's individual needs. The teacher/student ratio is another indication of their commitment to strong academics. In the younger classes, the teacher will have up to six students and in the older classes, a teacher will have up to eight students.

Miss Tammie, as she is known by children, parents and staff, is proud of



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“Apple Creek Private Preschool is a one-of-a-kind specialized private school that caters to stay-at-home parents looking for an exceptional academic and social experience.”

the emphasis on learning in her school and holds two degrees herself; one in Early Childhood Education and one in Early Childhood Administration. Her teachers have similar degrees and are encouraged to continue their education. Apple Creek provides book and tuition incentives to teachers wishing to continue their education in the early childhood field.

Apple Creek Private Preschool encourages parental involvement to continue improving the quality of the school. Social opportunities for parents are presented as well through an active parent/teacher organization and scheduled social calendar for each classroom.

The Apple Creek Private Preschool is

located at 7797 Stonebrook Parkway, Frisco, Texas, 75034. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 am to 3 pm. The Allen location is on South Alma Drive in Allen. For more information about the programs offered, call 972 334-0005 or visit the website at www.applecreekpreschool.com. Apple Creek encourages parents to drop in for a guided tour of the facility. To ensure that you view children involved in classroom activities, plan to make your visit between 8:45 am and 10:45 am or 12:15 pm and 2:15 pm. No appointment is necessary.

UNIQUE QUALITIES OF APPLE CREEK

- Highly Trained and/or degreed teachers and staff
- Low student-to-teacher ratio
- “Team” teaching to focus on individual students
- Private preschool with phonics and reading classes
- Computers in all classrooms
- Structured classrooms with stimulating learning centers
- Clean, safe environment with carpool lane and secure doors
- Award-winning curriculum
- Recommended by current and past parents
- Parent organization, summer programs, and off-campus socials

TWO LOCATIONS!

Allen school is Accredited by NAEYC's National Academy of Early Childhood Programs

Apple Creek

PRIVATE PRESCHOOL

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A Private Preschool offering half-day academic classes

2,3 & 5 day AM or PM classes available

Ages 2 thru 5 years

Student/teacher ratio — 8 to 1 or less

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