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Dear Parents,

It is with much excitement that I share this information with you. As you are aware, we have implemented some Christian-based teachings into our program.

Examples:

- Always obey your parents
- Do not be jealous of what others have
- Be good to your friends
- Never tell a lie
- Do not steal

We use these teachings in circle time, reading time, and through music. Since introducing them, we have noticed a change in the children's behavior and attitudes. They are much more positive and desire to do what is right with their classmates.

Our mission states that "The Apple Tree School will provide opportunities for children to reach their highest potential, develop a positive attitude of self and acquire a value system that manifests itself throughout the child's life".

For years, Apple Tree has used A Beka curriculum to help our children reach the academic goals set for them. In the fall of 2006, we will be implementing the complete A Beka curriculum, which uses a Christian philosophy throughout. The curriculum focuses on character training, one of the supreme goals of Christian education. Children must be faithfully trained, line upon line, precept upon precept, day after day.

It is not enough to merely present a list of character traits and definitions for children to memorize and then suppose that the job of character training has been accomplished. Every activity, every teaching method, every action of children or teacher is a means of training character. The character training program is taught through guidance, through traditional teaching methods and curriculums, and through the formation of habits.

Your children are such a blessing and we are so looking forward to beginning a wonderful new school year. Please feel free to stop in should you have any questions. Thank you so much for sharing your child with us.

Sincerely,  
Theresa Varughese