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Classroom code: **GL7GK** New *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* featured this month!

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Conference Week: Magic Apple will be open for early pick-ups during the week of parent teacher conference (Oct. 11-15); please use the form below if needed. **Only pre-registered students will be picked up early** (\$15 per day). There is no additional charge for parents bringing students after 2:00 p.m. if pre-arranged; please use the form below to let us know your needs ASAP.

Ruby Bridges: Our students are always stunned to hear the true story of the 6-year old child who integrated schools in the 60's all on her own. Ruby attended kindergarten and ended up being the **only** student in the class as pro-segregationist families pulled their students. Amazingly, Ruby and her teacher never missed a day of attendance even though they were subject to shocking examples of racism and hatred as they passed ugly demonstrations daily (next week students will also enjoy a wonderful film based on her life).

The Shapes of Nature: Fran will present a class on the six most common shapes found in nature and the significance these shapes have in our lives. Afterwards students will be divided up into cooperative learning teams and search our orchards for examples of the shapes (helix, sphere, polygon, meander, branch and spiral); science and fun—**the** best learning combination!

Poetry: Magic Apple students always respond wonderfully to Shel Silverstein, a poet humorist who really speaks to young children's experiences. This week we'll try our hand at writing our own poetry using Mr. Silverstein's "**Screamin' Millie**" as our guide (we've also purchased Rhyming Dictionaries for our students). Intermediate students will take the poem "**Falling Up**", categorize it into noun, adjective, and verbs and then using their list create their own poem about being "Hypnotized" as all learn the joys of poetry.

Drama/Art: Students will be working on their original apple iron-on designs this week as well. We will also be making original scarecrows--all students given the same form but with a wild variation of creations—from punk to alien scarecrows! Drama at the stage will feature all Magic Apple thespians reading from a script, The Golden Reed Pipe, as part of three different casts to insure everyone tries their hand at acting (and don't forget Tues. drama day)!

Conference week request for early pick-ups at Magic Apple, Oct. 11-15

Please check the days needed below (**\$15 per day**—may be added to October tuition or paid now) Trips approx. 1-4; Deer Park drop off as usual

- Monday 10/11** **Friendship Day** Apple Afterschool "little buddies" visit to Magic Apple
- Tuesday 10/12** **Sports Day** Bowling at Surf Bowl \$5 (1-3 approx.—extra treat \$\$ okay)
- Wednesday 10/13** **Art & Beach** Rio Beach & Pet Rock Day (weather permitting)—beach toys okay
- Thursday 10/14** **Science Day:** Volcano Building at Aptos Village Park (weather permitting)
- Friday 10/15** **Pumpkin Patch Visit \$5.00** (time and place TBA)

Parent _____ Student _____ Amount Due _____
 Conference Week Tuition Enclosed Conference Week Tuition to be paid with October

Reminders:

- ✓ Register for early pick-ups during public school conference week October 11-15; \$15 per day for early pick-ups
- ✓ Order scholastic books for your child at scholastic bookclubs' see headline!!
- ✓ This Tues., 9/28 bring drama clothes (in a bag) to dress for *Act Like That* day
- ✓ Order fresh apples (\$2 for ½ bag) and help our lifelab
- ✓ **Always call or email when your student will be absent**
- ✓ Please let us know if you are not getting our weekly notes via email ASAP
- ✓ School calendar posted online; note this year public school & Magic closed Nov 11&12 for Veteran's Day