



APPLE TREE
CHILDREN'S CENTERS



Apple Tree Children's Center-North March 2010

Books For Breakfast and a Muffin Too

Monday, March 2nd is the 11th annual observance of the National Education Association's Read Across America. The NEA is calling all of American's children, both young and old, to celebrate the joys of reading. Motivating children to read is an important factor in student achievement and creates lifelong readers. Research shows that children who are read to and spend more time reading do better in school.

Apple Tree is joining this celebration by inviting all of our parents to our "Books for Breakfast". We will be offering muffins, donut holes, juice and milk and have available to you the top 100 children's books to read to your child.

So please plan on joining us by sitting with



your little muffin and read to them, and then enjoy one of our muffins. Come early the blue-berry ones go fast.



Watch for
Preschool Conference
dates coming in April.

We put the Fun in Fundraising

We are going to be at Barnes and Noble on April 10th. There will be Apple Tree employee's holding storytime, sing-a-longs and other fun activities. There will be a table set up in the front of the store with more information along with the opportunity to give Apple Tree Children's Centers 10% of any purchases made to use towards books for our classrooms. We hope to see you there!!

Dates to Remember

- March 2nd - Books for Breakfast
- March 12th—Vision & Hearing Screen
- April 1st-Egg Hunt
- April 4th-Easter
- April 10th—Barnes & Noble Book Fair
- April 11-17 - Week of the Young Child
- April—17th - Childcare Provider Day
- April—29th— Speech Screen
- May 31st-Memorial Day (closed)
- July 5th-Independence Day (closed)
- Sept. 6th-Labor Day (closed)
- Sept. 28 & 29-Photos By Hank
- Oct. 22nd-Fall Festival
- Nov. 12th-Thanks to you Dinner
- Nov. 25th-Thanks giving (closed)
- Dec. 14-17-Holiday Programs

Watch Your Entrances and Exits

Please be careful when coming in to the parking lots for pick up and drop off. The south parking lot access is OUT only. Please do not enter that way, with the large snowdrifts visibility is quite limited. We wouldn't want anyone to meet by accident!

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanks, and present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6

Referrals

This month the Justice family received a free weeks tuition for referring the Spoonmore family. If you would be interested in your own free week, just refer a friend or family member to one of our centers. Come talk to us and we will give you the details.



Did You Know...

That in each classroom there is a poster explaining the South Dakota Early Learning Guidelines. Our lesson plans and curriculum are built around these guidelines. Similar to the standards that children have to reach in grade school, the children are challenged to reach similar benchmarks within the SD Early Learning Guidelines. For example under the guideline of Listening and Phonological Awareness one of the Preschool Guideline Benchmarks we encourage the children to reach would be recognizing rhyming

sounds, this becomes a great foundation of the South Dakota Kindergarten Standard of Identifying rhyming words and repeated phrases in various texts.

We strive for all these guidelines to be introduced to your child by the end of their preschool career at Apple Tree. Remember all children are different and develop at their own rate, but we do our best to make sure all our Apple Tree Children are ready for school.

~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~

We would like to thank all the parents who have been so generously sorting through your McDonald toys and donating them for our fall festival. Thank you to the Westall family for the donation of dolls and books. The four year olds were so happy to get new "babies". Please keep in mind that we can always use scrap paper for free art and any outgrown socks and underwear.

Mischief Makers

Overtured chairs, toys off the shelves, sparkles and glitter all over the floor!!! What is going on here? The children will tell you it is most likely the work of Leprechauns, just begging to be trapped. Be sure and visit with your child and learn about the antics those wild little guys have done now.



Questions and Concerns

We would like to thank the parents have been kind enough to put notes into the payment box with concerns or suggestions. We always make sure to pass these concerns on to the appropriate people.

If you should ever have any questions please feel free to address it with us at anytime.

Each month classrooms are asked to submit articles.

The Dragonflies

Hello Parents,

Welcome to another busy day in the life of your preschooler.

We had a lot of exciting adventures and experiences over the past few months - We have been working very hard on our handwriting skills (numbers, letters, and some sight words). Working on Social Skills are an everyday experience, we are making new friends and learning how to ask friends to join us to play. We were able to attend the Burn Awareness Puppet Show at the Washington Pavilion—we all had a blast! The puppets were so funny.

I think one of the children's most exciting part of the day is SLEDDING!! We do have the best sledding hill anywhere.

As always—if you ever have any questions concerns or comments please feel free to come and talk with us.

Miss Angie

The Wild

The Kindergarteners have continued to work hard on their counting, sign language, writing and art. They have made great improvements.

Summer will be here before you know it. We have been busy getting our summer program ready. We have been finding some really great new activities and field trips, if you think that your work or hobby might be interesting to our class or know of an activity that your child really enjoyed last year, please let us know.

Also keep us in mind as you clean out your closets that there always items we can use for our science and art actives, paper, plastic containers, never underestimate a school agers imagination.

On a side note, please label all of your child's toys from home, it helps if items are misplaced.

Kitchen Klatter

Hello, from Miss Dorothy in the kitchen!!

I am feeling much more confident lately and seem to be getting things done more efficiently in the kitchen. I have a couple requests that will help things run even smoother.

Please label all of your children's breakfast and lunch items. I can get them returned to the classrooms if they are labeled. Also remember that due to allergies Apple Tree is a peanut free center. So please, no peanut butter sandwiches, toast or other such items. If you are unsure, please ask.

Remember no matter how busy I look, I will always have a minute to say Hi!!

