



APPLE TREE
CHILDREN'S CENTERS



Apple Tree Children's Center-North

February 2012

Weird Winter Weather

Usually by this time we have had so much snow we are just wishing for it to be gone but this year we are truly waiting for more. The children are so eager to try out their sleds, make snow angels, and slide on the ice. A big thank you to all the parents that have made sure to have hats, boots, snow pants, and mittens

here everyday. Although we haven't had that much snow, it has been cold outside. We are attempting to still make winter enjoyable by going outside and checking on the changes in the grass, trees and sky but it just isn't the same. So for the sake of the "children" let there be snow. (And then it can be gone by St. Patrick's day!)

Books Before Breakfast

Once again we will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday by having books to share on Friday, March 2nd., from 7:00 to 8:30 am.

We invite all our parents to join their children in reading a book or two or three. After which you all may enjoy a muffin and juice.

We will have many of our favorites displayed throughout the center for your reading pleasure. The children will share their favorites and the parents might even find their childhood favorites among the many we display.

This is a fun time for all the children. We are sure that the Llama books, Pizza Man, The Hungry Caterpillar, Knuffle Bunny, the Robert Munsch books and many others will not spend much time on the shelf.

So plan now to come early that morning, read several books, have a muffin and some juice and make a memory!



To Close or Not to Close

Our centers will NOT close for business during inclement weather, unless it is an extremely severe winter storm that causes the functions of the entire community to shut-down.

It is the parent's discretion whether road conditions are safe or passable.

There may be times when our centers may be forced to delay opening for business due to road condi-

tions which inhibit staff abilities to reach the centers by 6:30 am. In the unlikely event of a delayed opening time or not opening at all, we will announce the information on local radio stations and our



website.

Please make sure to use extra courtesy when getting in and out of vehicles, there have been a few instances where cars have received "dings" and children have been rubbing or writing on vehicles. We would just ask that you use the same consideration that you would want others to give to you.

Dates To Remember

- Feb. 9th-Valentine Party @ West
4s and 5s leave at 8:40
- Feb. 14th-Room Valentine Parties
- Feb. 18th-Stampede Game @7pm
- March 2nd-Books Before Breakfast
- March 11th-Daylight Savings Time
- March 12-16-Leprechuns strike
- March 17th-St. Patrick's Day
- March 26-30-Pre-school
Conferences
- April 2-5th-Easter Hat Judging
- April 8th-Easter
- April 22-28- Week of the Young
Child
- April 27th- Child Care Provider Day
- May 27th- Memorial Day-Center

And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love.

We participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program. CACFP is available to all participants without regard to race, color, national origin, sex or disability.

Look It's New

That's right there is a new look at www.appletreechildren.org. We have updated our website: all the pages, added new content and made it easier to navigate. Each center has its own page highlighting what happenings and information on the director and assistant director/s. While at the new site check our page for the hidden apple, then "like" us on facebook letting us know that you found it and we will enter your family in a drawing for a free week of tuition credit. How easy is that? Get ready to play I Spy!

Don't Get Run Over

We still have tickets available for the Stampede game on February 18th. Tickets are a bargain at \$3 each. Not only will you be spending time with the family, get to watch a fast paced winter sport, and get to heckle the Sioux City players but you will also be treated to maybe the funniest sporting event ever-Weiner dog races. If you can't laugh at them you need a vacation far, far away. So don't be left out in the cold-race to the office and reserve your tickets!!!

Honey Bees

Last Thursday, we had our Potty Party to celebrate all of our Two Bees using the potty. We had cake, ice cream, and a lot of balloons.

Also we received our fancy new shelves that we are in the process of labeling with pictures and words so that our Two Bees can help in keeping our room organized.

Please look for our Valentine's Day party sign up sheet soon-we are going to party again.

Mariam, Brooke, Jaimie, Tiffany&Susie



Go Red

In honor of Heart month we are asking all of the children to wear red on February 3rd for Go Red for Women.

Young At Heart

We will be having our Valentine Parties in the afternoon on February 14th - sign up sheets will soon appear for items the teachers might want.

Please help us deliver all those Valentines in a timely manner by having your child sign the card but not address them. Thanks.

The Tax Man Cometh

Keep in mind that while we do not mail out the end of year statements, we are more than happy to email, fax or put a copy in your child's cubbie.

But who needs a refund check? Have you referred anyone to tour or sign up at Apple Tree lately. You receive a \$25 credit for every tour and a free week of tuition for every new family who joins us once they have been with us 4 weeks. Don't miss out on this free money!



Did you know?

Apple Tree holds parent/teacher conferences in the spring for our preschool children. This year our preschool conferences will be held the week of March 26th. Sign up sheets will be going up soon.

At this conference you are presented with an assessment form that measures your child's development. The teacher will discuss the development progress with you and answer any questions you may have. In addition to the annual conference, you are able to request a meeting with your child's teacher anytime. This is not limited to the preschool classrooms, just make a request to your director.

With an Attitude of Gratitude

We have so many families to thank this month. We send "thank yous" to the Lloyd, Gerken, Visscher, Phillips, Schelske and Scheetz families for their donations of toys, books and clothing. And to all who drop the treasures in the office when no one is looking -sort of like Santa Claus.

A special thank you goes out to Scott Egan for being so caring when Kuhnert's car "broke."

Each month classrooms are asked to submit articles.

Zoo Crew News

Wow! It is February already. January went by very quickly. Winter is almost over! Hopefully!

We have been working on our colors, shapes, alphabet, and numbers. This month we will have themes about a healthy heart, dental care, Valentine's Day and books. Feb. 14th will be our party, be watching for a sign up sheet.

We try to go outside everyday-please be sure your child has all their snow clothing here. Stay warm. Spring will soon be here. **Carmen and Stacy**



The Cool Cats

2011 was a wonderful year. A new year has arrived & we are excited for all that awaits us!

This winter weather has slowed our sledding fun down a bit but the few chances we have gotten to we heard the quote of the four year olds, "This is the best day ever!" Also for the new year we decided on a new class name. We are the "Cool Cats" and very proud of it!

Morning circle has turned us into geniuses, we are starting to recognize sounds and the letters of the alphabet, ask us how to spell our names. Another thing we have been practicing is cutting, gluing, and tracing. You can see the difference from when we started in this room.

It brings a smile to our faces when we see how well these children are blossoming.

Briane, Francesca, & Jessi

The mission of Apple Tree Children's Centers is to provide exceptional care, nurture and age appropriate learning opportunities in the context of a Christ centered worldview. This mission is accomplished through the dedicated effort of management and staff whose concern is for the welfare of the children entrusted to their care.