



FEBRUARY 2018

FRIENDS: LEARNING AND LAUGHING TOGETHER!

Themes this month:
Friendship and Valentine's Day
The Winter Olympics: February 9-25
Concept:
Feelings

Special Number: SIX / 6 / :::

We Are Learning:

- 🍎 To use words to express our feelings or ask for help
- 🍎 To say hello and goodbye to teachers and peers
- 🍎 To call our friends by name
- 🍎 To participate in conversations with teachers and peers
- 🍎 To use pronouns:
 - 🍎 3 YEAR OLDS: he/she
 - 🍎 4 YEAR OLDS: he/she, his/hers, him/her
- 🍎 An Introduction to a musical instrument:
 - 🍎 3 YEAR OLDS: handbells
 - 🍎 4 YEAR OLDS: recorders
- 🍎 Letters of the week:
 - Feb. 5-9 Letter S – Start at the top. Make a little magic c curve and then turn to make another curve the other way.
 - Feb. 20-23 Letter J – Start at the top. Big line down. Turn. Little line across the top.
 - Jan. 26-Mar. 2 Letter D – Start at the top. Big line down. Jump back to the top. Big curve to the bottom.

How to Help Your Child Learn Basic Language Concepts

Basic concepts are the building blocks a child needs to have success in school and in everyday life. In fact, knowledge of basic concepts directly relates to a child's performance in school. Basic language concepts are common, but very important words that you can teach your child through conversation, reading and singing. Use these words often and every day.

Help your child learn basic language concepts by modeling descriptive words. Talk to your child about everything you see and hear in your environment. Bring your child's attention to textures (e.g., the way things feel—smooth, bumpy, soft).

Expand the words you use when you describe things. For example, instead of using the word "big" just because you know your child understands it, use the word "huge" to expose your child to new words.

When talking about spatial relationships and positions (where things are), try not to show the child by pointing or gesturing. Use more descriptive words such as "below," "behind," "on top of," "in front of," and "above."

Use and encourage "Wh" questions and answers. "Wh" questions often encourage the use of basic concepts in response. For example, "where" encourages a response that uses spatial relationships and positions (behind, under) and directions (across, through). "When" encourages a response that uses time concepts (before, later).

Excerpted from: "What are Basic Concepts?" By Susie Loraine, M.A., CCC-SLP
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We will be celebrating Valentine's Day with all classes on February 13th and 14th.

Your child is welcome to share valentine cards with ALL of the students in the class. **Please DO NOT address the cards to individual children. Simply sign your child's name on each card.** This makes it much easier for the children to distribute their cards to each classmate.

Children are encouraged to wear RED and WHITE for our Valentine's celebrations.

TAX RECEIPTS

We are happy to provide tax receipts for fees received in 2017. To receive a tax receipt for 2017 please email your request to info@appletreepreschool.ca Please include your child's name and class in your request.

The Apple Tree Winter Olympics



Throughout February we will be following TEAM CANADA at the Winter Olympics, and exploring some winter sports through movement, activities, crafts, songs and rhymes. On February 22nd and 23rd, we will hold our own Apple Tree Winter Olympics! During their class time, the students will investigate a circuit of fun activities and earn a medal of their own. Please ensure that your child is dressed for movement on this day.



Dates to Remember for February 2018

February 13th – Red and White Day (Valentine's celebrations for T/TH classes)

February 14th – Valentine's Day (Valentine's celebrations for M/W/F classes)

February 15th and 16th – Calgary Teachers' Convention (Preschool closed)

February 19th – Family Day (Preschool closed)

February 22nd and 23rd – Apple Tree Winter Olympics (Students will explore a circuit of fun activities. Please ensure your child is dressed for movement.)



2018 – 2019 REGISTRATION Continues!

Check out our new Morning Class Times for JK Programs:

MWF: 8:45-11:15

MWF: 9:15-11:45

MWF: 11:30-1:45

Our Afternoon Class Times for JK Programs remain:

MWF: 1:30-4:00 or T/TH: 1:30-4:00

PK (3 Year Old) Program times are:

T/TH: 9:00-11:00

T/TH: 11:15-1:15

Register now and secure your preferred 2018-2019 class and time!



Please know that registration is on a first come, first served basis.

Registration forms can be found online and at the school.

Please consider referring us to your family and friends. We greatly appreciate your support.

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Written notice is required when withdrawing your child from the program (one month prior to the month leaving).