



Apple Blossom Day Homes

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STAT Holidays

April 2 and May 24th are STAT holidays this season. Please note that any care used on the above dates may be charged at an additional rate of \$6.25 per hour.

Thank goodness spring has arrived! What a long, cold winter we have had. I don't know about you, but we are sure thankful to see the sunshine and melting snow! With that said, please ensure your child is arriving to their day home each day with weather appropriate attire. This may include splash pants, rubber boots, and a rain coat. Our educators love spending time outdoors!

We continue to work hard to incorporate the Alberta Curriculum Framework into their day homes. If you would like additional information on this, you can view the entire framework at <http://childcareframework.com/resources/Play,%20Participation,%20and%20Possibilities%20-%20An%20Early%20Learning%20and%20Child%20Care%20Curriculum%20Framework%20for%20Alberta.pdf> section 1.

Educators as Co-Imaginer of Possibilities. There are many ways of being, doing, and relating. As your educator works in collaboration with families, children, and community members, they seek out diverse perspectives and turn imagine new ways of thinking about familiar and/or new experiences.

As a co-imaginer, your Educator:

Is being playful with others, ideas, and ways of being. Their participation with children and their families holds potential for expanding and deepening learning experiences and appreciation for family, social, and cultural practices and traditions.

This involves **imagining, creating, and inventing** what you hope for and want to see. Through their own participation and inviting children and their families, the potential for creating healthy communities becomes possible. This may involve working with others to advocate for more government and community programs that can promote well-being.

Being a co-imaginer **may require taking risks and facing challenges within the spirit of learning.** For example, experimenting with new care routines and/or play and learning experiences to support children and families in meaningful ways that are safe, caring, and honoring of the many ways children and adults participate and live together.

At Apple Blossom, we find ourselves inspired by these principals. Back in March, our Educators all got together at a conference to learn about the various ways in which we can learn from children, view them as mighty citizens, and adapt their programming to support their view of children. Ask your educator about the curriculum today!



Policy Input

This month, the policy we are asking for your input on is from your General Agreement Parent Responsibilities #2 "Parents will pay \$6.80 per hour per child attending 0 – less than 50 hours per month, \$6.25 per hour, per child attending 50 – less than 100 hours per month, \$600 per month per child attending 100 – 180 hours per month, or \$600 plus \$6.25 per hour in excess of 180 hours per month (or as amended with one month's written notice). The fees for care provided after 6pm or on weekends will be increased by an additional dollar per hour. In the case of underutilization, parents are aware that they will be charged a minimum of one half of their contracted hours"

Please give us your opinion by: calling the office, e-mailing us at www.appleblossomdayhomes.com, or mailing it to Box 20042 KPO, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 8M4

We appreciate the time you take to give us your input.



Points of Interest

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