



Apple Blossom Day Homes

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From all of us here at Apple Blossom, we would like to express our gratitude to you, our families. Thank you for allowing us to care for your children as if there were our own.

With the weather quickly reminding us that winter is here, please remember to send your child with weather appropriate clothing each and every day. The children love spending time outside and this becomes difficult if appropriate clothing is not available. These items may include hats, mittens, snow pants, scarves, boots, or raincoats.

Our Educators 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.

A Practice of Relationships: Educator as a Co-Researcher. Your educators gain an understanding of the complexities of how children and their families experience early childhood communities. The process involves asking questions, investigating, reflecting, interpreting, and sharing with families, children, and local communities.

As a co-researcher, asking questions – questions you do not know the answers to offers opportunity to gather insights and perspectives. These questions should provoke further action in the form of observation, investigation, reading, and reflection to enhance programming.

Investigating what has or could take place offers opportunity to understand many perspectives. This can involve careful listening and observing, documenting using photography, video, scribing words, and anecdotal recording of particular situations.

Reflecting on and revisiting experiences of the children and families offers you an opportunity to think deeply about each child’s care, play, learning, and development and their family’s perspective. Reflection offers opportunity to take a step back and think about your practice and children’s experiences.

Interpreting information offers an opportunity to understand children’s care, play, learning, and development experience with respect to current understandings. This involves considering what children are trying to do, communicate, and accomplish in their play and learning.

Sharing what you have learned offers you an opportunity to talk about, visually and verbally, the children’s daily care, play, learning, and development experiences as they relate to your professional practice.

Children flourish in environments that are beautiful, joyful, and rich with opportunities for sensory stimulation, social interaction, language, exploration, manipulation, and representation.

Policy Input

This month, the policy we are asking for your input on is from your General Agreement Parent Responsibilities # 1 “Parents will pay all fees **by the 10th of every month**, directly to Apple Blossom Day Homes. During the first month of care, the Agency will levy a deposit charge of **\$50.00**. This deposit will be refunded upon receipt of all fees due. Should your final payment be in arrears by more than 2 weeks, this deposit shall be forfeited. If child care fees are in arrears by the eleventh (11th) of the month, child care will be terminated. Payments may be made by cash, cheque, money order, Pre-authorized Visa and Mastercard, as well as Pre-Authorized Account Withdrawals. E-Transfers may also be done through lisa@appleblossomdayhomes.com”

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.



STAT Holidays

December 25th and 26th, January 1st, and February 19th are all 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.

Points of Interest

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