



Apple Blossom Day Homes

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With summer often comes quality time with families. Whether it be planned vacations, weekend getaways, or simply enjoying a barbecue with your favorite people, we hope your summer is filled with laughter and joy! Please remember to send a bathing suit, towel, bug spray, and sunscreen with your child each day they attend their day home. Our programs love to enjoy the beautiful weather!

We continue to work hard to incorporate the Alberta Curriculum Framework into their day homes. This season we would like to briefly touch on the topic of responsive environments.

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.

The environments in which children lived, play, and relate can open up or limit opportunities for their care, play, and learning. The Educators role in designing the environment is central to children's experiences. The Educators knowledge helps them to understand the kinds of play and learning experiences that support each child's care, sense of belonging, as well as nurture their dispositions to learn.

Environments that encourage multimodal literacies acknowledge that there are many ways to explore and demonstrate knowledge and, for children, this is often through play. Creating responsive environments requires awareness that in the image of the child – a mighty learning and citizen – must be continually reflected on.

By allowing time for play, for inquiry, for thinking, and for pursuing an interest alone or with friends and educators is important if learning is to become meaningful for the learning. If routines are too rigid, this can create an imbalance in daily experiences and minimize the importance of play and learning that children are engaged in. When children experience fluid time that reflects their rhythms in care and play, they are able to develop their ideas alone and with others. If an Educator is able to create a responsive environment that allows play to continue over hours and days, children are able to develop their ideas deeply. This may mean that children's play materials are saved as they have left them or that lunch routines are adjusted to respond to the children's play.

Stay tuned for the winter newsletter where we will dive deeper into this topic!



Policy Input

This month, the policy we are asking for your input on is from your General Agreement Parent Responsibilities #3 "Parents may request to see the "Profile" of prospective Educators. This profile contains information about home visits, complaints received, and any incident that may have occurred in an Educators' home."

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

July 2, and August 6th 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.

Points of Interest

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