



Apple Blossom Day Homes

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STAT Holidays

December 25th and 26th, January 1st, and February 18th 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.

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 Child care Accreditation Standards into their day homes. If you would like additional information on this, you can view the entire standards at <http://www.humanservices.alberta.ca/documents/accreditation-standards.pdf>

Below is a description of one of the accreditation standards.

Standard 2: Program Planning and practices support every child's optimal development in an inclusive early learning and care environment that incorporates the value and importance of play. Children develop higher levels of social competence, physical ability, language, emotional development, creative thinking, an problem solving skills within inclusive childcare environments. Diverse and developmentally appropriate experiences are critical to the early brain development in children. High quality child care programs provide children with stimulating learning materials, meaningful activities, creative play experience's and interaction's that emerge from the children's interests to promote their learning and development. Quality child care program thoughtfully plan the activities based on children's ideas and document the ongoing growth and development of children.

2.1 Child care programs incorporate inclusive approaches that respect children's diversity and value children's individual need and backgrounds.

Indicators:

1. Incorporate experience and cultural backgrounds of children in daily program planning
2. Ensure a variety of appropriate materials, equipment, and resources are available to meet the diverse needs and interests of children.
3. Incorporate inclusive practices to involve all children in the program.
4. Provide supports to families and children with special needs.
5. Provide training and supports to child care professionals working inclusive environments and with children with special needs.
6. Thoughtfully modify the environment to support children's success.

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.

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

Policy Input

We are asking for your input on policy number 11: Parents agree that their child/ren will arrive at Day home clean, fed and with an extra set of clothing and outerwear that is seasonally appropriate.

Also policy number 12: Parents will supply diapers, formula, and food for infants and children on special diets. (Parents are encouraged to follow Canada's food guide)

We would love to hear back from you if there are any question's, concerns or suggestions about these policies or any others. You can contact us at 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.

Local Activities

-Lego at the Redcliff

library Sat. 10-12

-MHPL lets play guide

- Family day celebration

Police point 11-4

Points of Interest

- Policy Information

- Accreditation

-STAT Holidays

-Contact Information