



November 2016

# Newsletter

## Important Dates

**Friday, November 11  
Parent/Teacher Conferences**

School will be **CLOSED** for the 10-month program and will be **OPEN** for the 12-month program.

**Wednesday, November 23  
Thanksgiving Feast**

11am-12pm  
(Apple will **CLOSE** at 3pm – **NO AFTERCARE**).

**Thursday & Friday,  
November 24-25  
SCHOOL CLOSED**

Thanksgiving Break

**Monday, December 19 –  
Monday, January 2  
Winter break**

(Check your Apple calendar for our 10-month and 12-month program)

**January 3  
School Resumes!**

Visitors often comment on the calm of the classroom and how everyone seems engaged. This does not happen magically. It comes from lessons of grace and courtesy and the opportunity for the children to practice.

Children need to know and absorb the social structure in order to be at ease in their environment. The first grace and courtesy lessons for the classroom concern classroom procedures such as how to walk around a mat, how to sit in a chair and how to walk without making a sound. Later lessons give the vocabulary, action and steps required to build the child's awareness and responsiveness to those around him. Lessons might include when to say please and thank you, when to give a hug, how to get someone's attention, words to use when helping one another and how to introduce a friend. With awareness and practice, these skills become second nature to the child.

You can give grace and courtesy lessons at home. For example, before dinner out or a visit with seldom-seen friends, help your child feel comfortable by finding opportunities to role-play, how to act and what to say. Give them time to practice and don't expect perfection. Watch how they blossom!

## Thank you!

Thank you so much to everyone who helped with the Halloween celebration. Your help made a successful Halloween party!

## Teacher/Parent Conferences

Don't forget to sign up for your parent-teacher conference on [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com). The teachers are looking forward to sharing their observations about your child's growth and development. Please bring with you any questions and comments you may have. Childcare will be available for your child during your timeslot.

**Please note** for the Parent/Teacher Conferences, Apple will be **CLOSED** for the 10-month program and will be **OPEN** for the 12-month program. It will be a regular, full day.

All Primary students will go to Miss Avery's room. All Toddler students will go to Mrs. Cinthya's room. Any questions about your child's schedule, please let us know.

## Apple's Annual Thanksgiving Feast

Every year our children at Apple help cook a traditional Thanksgiving feast and share it with their classroom friends and families. We ask that each family help contribute to our feast. Look for a new [signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) to see how can you contribute to our Thanksgiving Feast. Thanksgiving feast will be held on Wednesday, November 23 from 11am to 12pm. Apple will close at 3pm. There will be **NO aftercare**.

## Winter Clothes

Autumn is here, and the weather has started to change. The children love to spend time outside, so please make sure they are dressed appropriately for outside activities... and please remember to label everything! Also, you may want to check with your child's teacher about bringing in winter clothes for their extra change of clothes.

### Sign In/Out Sheet

Please parents, it is very important for your child to be sign in and out everyday when they are here at Apple. The records are an important part of our accreditation with County and State. Thank you!

### Welcome!

Please welcome our 3 new little ones to our Apple Family! **Grace** (Emma's sister in Mrs. Quadri's class), **Jackson** (Ella's brother in Miss Avery's class, and **Michelle** (Miya's sister in Miss Avery's class). We are so happy to see our Apple family grow :)!