# Little Feet

## **Toddler Class Newsletter**



New Class Theme: 9/2 - 9/20

# APPLES

Our class is getting ready for fall by celebrating Apples! Children and their families will find apple books on the book shelf and apples in the texture table. Even the play dough may smell like an apple pie!

#### Home activities:

- Go for a walk and look for apple trees
- At the store see how many different colored apples you can find. Maybe try a new colored apple
- Cut an apple horizontally around the middle and find the "star" inside. Count how many seeds you find.
- Give your child the job of washing the apple before you eat it.

# **CLASSROOM SONGS**



## Wheels on the Bus

The Wheels on the Bus go round and round, round and round.

The Wheels on the Bus go round and round,

All through the town.



#### **Apple Tree**

Way up high in the apple tree
Two little apples smiled at me
I shook that tree as hard as I could
Down came an apple
Mmm, It was good!!!



#### Willabee Wallabee

Willabee, wallabee, woo An elephant sat on you. Willabee, wallabee wee An elephant sat on me. Willabee, wallabee, wed An elephant sat on Fred.

# In the classroom you will find:

## **ART/ FINE MOTOR**

We will be tearing paper apples, glue apples on trees, and squishing play dough apples.

#### Try:

- Showing them how to tear the paper,
- Have them finish the job by putting 5 apples on the tree.

# **TEXTURE TABLE**

The texture table will be filled with water, brushes, washcloths, and APPLES!!!

Words to practice: splash, scrub, clean, dirty, big, little

**Try:** Commenting on your actions and your child's action.

When your child is scrubbing: "scrub, scrub"

When your child is splashing: "splash"

# **CIRCLE TIME**

We will read and use felt characters to retell the story:

#### Ouch!

The story is about a hedgehog who gets things stuck on his back and his friends try to help.

Words to practice: stuck, push, pull, apple, pear, nut, leaf, paper, flower, blackberries, oh no!

# **SNACK**

Apples
Fish crackers
Peas
Applesauce
Juice/water

#### Try:

- Help you child use index finger to make lines, circles, and scribble marks in applesauce.
- Add cinnamon to applesauce to change smell

# **GROSS MOTOR**

We will be going outside to explore.

#### Try:

- Jumping over logs
- Pick up apples off the ground
- Draw apple shapes with chalk on sidewalk
- Practice jumping in and out of the apple shape.

## PLAY DOUGH

Red apple pie play dough and apple tree play mats will be out to explore.

**Try:** Rolling little "apples" and pick up one by one and put in a small bowl.

**Try:** Copying what your child does with the dough. If they squish it, you squish yours and say, "squish." If they cut it, you cut yours and say, "cut."

# **UPCOMING AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

As we move into fall there are many community events available.

Ask Alison for more information!

