



Welcome!

We bring you a warm welcome to Three Apples School, our development facility that cares for preschoolers. We like to think of our school as a place that children and adults consider their second home... a place where they are accepted and loved... a place where laughter and play are cherished... a place where children's rhythms are caught and given warm response.

We are excited that you are interested in our program and would like to introduce you to our School.

Three Apples School offers high quality child care services and education for children ages 2 years 9 months to 6 years old. We started as a small facility and expanded to meet the needs of the community. Our goal is to have a culturally integrated facility both in the mix of staff and the children. We are a family centered Program. Through various yearly functions, staff and family events, community involvement, we are building strong relationships between teachers and parents, families and surrounding community.

Program Highlights:

- Three Apples School is a full-service child care and development facility that cares for children 2.9 years of age to 6 years old.
- We offer a lower student to teacher ratio, well trained staff and unique learning programs.
- Three Apples School hours are a bit wider range than normal business hours of a preschool program. We are open at 8:30am - 5:30pm, 42 weeks a year, with additional Summer program to accommodate working parents.
- Our Center offers flexible scheduling, extended hours of operation, part time (partial or full day) and full-time enrollment options.
- Our Program offers a fun filled and enriching environment that will foster children's social, physical and intellectual development. Our Curriculum integrates: Mathematics, Science, Language, Art, Music, Literature and Theatre, Social Studies.
- During week, our Center offers enrichment programs, evening classes and studios as well as activities for enrolled families and Community: Foreign Language (Russian), Yoga and Dance Studio, Music and Drama classes, Gym activities, Art Studio.
- We hold a special pride in the center's professional staff. Selected for their knowledge of child development as well as their strong interpersonal skills, they are the strength of our program. When visiting Three Apples School, please take time to listen, to watch, and to learn from this unique group. You will be enriched. We select our staff carefully in order to provide the best possible care and education for children. We seek employees who understand child development, who can apply their knowledge in the classroom, who respect each child as an individual, and who value working as a team with parents, colleagues, and whole community.
- Our Center is proud of its custom designed facilities.

Outdoors: Three Apples School is supporting a new movement in children's outdoor play areas: Natural "Playscapes". While many playgrounds are filled with a plastic or metal climbing apparatus surrounded by a sea of wood chips or gravel, a natural playscape makes creative use of the entire space and is filled with art, trees, open areas, sand, water, music and more. We believe that in our playground children will find places to run climb, dig, pretend, explore, hide, with opportunity to bellow or be silent.

Indoors: In average a child spends about 10-11 hours in out of home child care setting. The length of time spent in the setting is obviously a huge factor in how it feels to be there and affects child's ability to learn, explore the world, cope with stressful situations.

In opposition of the “institutional” day care center we are creating a unique “home” environment for the children, an optimal child care setting with creative use of space, time, furniture and objects, excellent equipment and educational materials, layouts of the room that will promote rich learning opportunities and healthy development of the whole child.

Our Philosophy

Our Center provides a warm and inviting atmosphere that allows children to develop at the own pace. We offer a rich variety of developmentally appropriate, engaging and challenging learning experiences for children. Three Apples School has three distinctive parts: Preschool, Art Studio and Children’s Theater.

Preschool

- Bilingual English-Russian program offers an expansive academic curriculum and meaningful learning environment for children ages 2.5 to 5 years old
- Blend features from different educational philosophies - Reggio Emilia, Montessori and Waldorf. Learning environment and Curriculum reflect this philosophical blend
- Best of European and US approaches to preschool - combination of play based activities and structured learning sessions

Children’s Art Studio

- Fine art enrichment program for children 2 to 10 - developmentally appropriate classes, parties, camps and workshops
- Mixed media art activities - painting, drawing, collage, printmaking, sculpture, clay modeling, sewing and weaving, coloring, mosaics and many more
- Creative needs of children are met with multi-sensory activities, a wealth of high quality materials and supplies, fun and interesting techniques and collaboration of open ended art activities and teacher guided lessons

Children’s Theater “Samodelka”

- Creates positive theatrical experience for young children and their families through a unique, quality theatre program
- Presents puppet plays, staged productions of the famous children’s books, holiday performances and seasonal celebrations, drama classes and camps.
- Each show relies on the participation of adult volunteers involved in every aspect of the production: acting, lighting, costumes, make-up, set construction, set crew, etc...
- Performs scripted plays for children and by children.

Our Principles

Our Program based on principles:

- **Sensitive Periods**

We believe that children go through stages of intellectual interest and curiosity in which they become intrigued and absorbed by particular aspects of their environment.

For example, children from 3 to 5 years show great interest in symbols and the sound they represent (we teach them to read); children between 2 and 6 years show spontaneous interest in the development of pitch, rhythm and melody (we make sure that music becomes a part of everyday life in the classroom). We recognize these sensitive periods as stages of development and offer a Curriculum that will nurture and facilitate growth during these times.

- **Respect and Encouragement**

We believe that children who are treated with respect and who are encouraged to try new skills learn more readily to do things for themselves and develop a greater level of emotional wellbeing. Success in learning is directly tied to the degree to which children believe they are capable, independent human beings.

- **Freedom to Learn**

We understand that freedom of making choices, free expression, creativity and flexibility are the vital things for developing an independent, confident person. Our program is carefully structured to provide optimal learning opportunities for children, based on their own developmental rhythms, interests, preferences and abilities.

Children learn more effectively when school is seen as a safe, exciting and joyful experience. And we are providing such environment that will help children to develop to their fullest potential.



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